

Britain determined to concede little to EC demands

financial crisis has taken the spotlight off its plans to renegotiate its membership of the European Community, according to central officials meeting in Virginia. Italy "is on the verge of collapse", they say.

Italian financial crisis main concern

Mr Vogl, director of the Economics Department of the European Commission, said in a speech in Virginia, June 7, that the Commission was using about \$5,000 million in supporting the rate so far this year.

to continual negotiation. As the sources here said: "No one wants a renaissance of gold in the monetary system", which could be the effect if a new official gold price were set.

Further, the liquidity problem may be overcome by the fact that the publication of the gold standard for countries like Italy to borrow in the markets, thus actually enabling Italy to avoid mobilizing her gold reserves.

Dr Emminger said he did not see an early return of all ECU currencies to the gold standard. The European Commission has once again come up with proposals for launching the "snake" for all nine countries, the sources said.

Mr Henry Morse, chairman of the deputies of the Committee of 20 on monetary reform, said that in the present inflationary environment, individual managed floats would continue.

Changes in EEC will help anyone, minister says

Mr Heath at a Conservative parliamentary group on Thursday said that the Conservative Government was committed to the Community partners about the budgetary system.

Mr Heath said that he hoped for Britain's continued membership of the EEC, Mr Hattersley said that the fact that the Labour Party is committed to leaving the final decision on British membership to the electorate as a whole.

Price sisters to end their hunger strike

The Price sisters ended their hunger strike in Brixton prison last night, the Home Office announced shortly after 11 pm.

By Christopher Walker
The Price sisters playing a lament at the head of the procession, the body of Michael Gaughan, the IRA member who died in Parkhurst jail on Monday, was brought from the prison yesterday to be taken to London.

The coffin was draped in the same tricolour which covered that of Terence MacSwiney, the Lord Mayor of Cork, who died after a hunger strike in Brixton in 1920.

The faint prospect of a last-minute compromise between the Government and the Provisional IRA hunger strikers was being kept open last night.

Lord Brockway said: "The state of the discussions means that I am not able to say anything at all. But one way or the other, I am sure there will be a decision by the end of the weekend."

Another top Provisional arrested
The Army said yesterday that it had arrested a leading member of the Provisional IRA's Belfast brigade in a raid on a public house in the Falls Road.

Plumbers case judge berates Mr Nixon
A federal judge today angrily declared that President Nixon's conduct has been "offensive" and "borders on obstruction of justice" in the so-called plumbers case due for trial in 10 days' time.

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The Watergate prosecution. He had been in departmental charge throughout the first phase of the Watergate investigation, and resigned in April last year when the cover-up fell apart and revealed his friends deeply implicated.



A piper leading the procession with hearse carrying the body of Michael Gaughan from the Isle of Wight ferry at Portsmouth

any negotiations could be upset by the death of Mr Francis Stagg, the fifth IRA hunger striker, who is in Parkhurst prison.

Rees, the Secretary of State, had cancelled a meeting with them or the last moment. Stormont said the meeting had been cancelled last week.

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Alarms misled 35 men contaminated in atom plant blowback

By Tim Jones
Over-sensitive safety devices which were ignored by workers led to 35 men being contaminated by radioactive material at the Windscale atomic energy establishment, in West Cumbria, last September. Some of the men are still contaminated internally but as yet they have suffered no ill-effects.

Those are some of the findings of a secret report from a board of inquiry which investigated the incident which happened on the seventh floor of the plant.

A senior official of British Nuclear Fuels said last night that the accident was a classic case of "Crying wolf". Monitoring devices at the station were so sensitive that they were activated by the slightest rise in the level of radioactivity.

The report makes clear that the trouble originated from a constant volume feeder III at the plant which, by a malfunction, caused the air flow to be temporarily reversed.

Paragraph 63 of the report states: "The delay was because the B-10 air monitors were not connected to the alarm system; they were set to alarm at a low level of activity and the significance of the alarm had to be separately assessed."

Concern over Duke of Gloucester's condition
The condition of the Duke of Gloucester, who has been in failing health for some time, was giving cause for concern, Kensington Palace announced yesterday.

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The rest of the news
Rates: Minister says review does not mean more generous grants
Nurses' pay: Mrs Castle names inquiry panel
Pensioners dispute: Talks to ensure rises will be paid on time fail

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Valery and Galina Panov in their Leningrad flat

Panovs get permits to leave Russia

Moscow, June 7.—Valery Panov, the Jewish ballet dancer and his wife Galina, also a dancer, have both been granted exit visas to emigrate to Israel, Soviet sources said today.

Mr Panov, who was dismissed as the leading dancer of the Kirov company in Leningrad when he applied to emigrate more than two years ago, nor his wife, could be reached for comment.

Other leaders of the campaign were delighted by the reports. Lord Olivier said at his Brighton home that he was "overjoyed".

Prince called to Bar
The Prince of Wales is to become a Master of the Bench of Gray's Inn, one of the four Inns of Court, after being formally called to the Bar.

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HOME NEWS

Minister says rates review does not mean higher grants

The Government was reviewing rates support grants, but that did not mean there would be a more generous grant settlement this year, Mr John Silkin, Minister for Planning and Local Government, said yesterday.

Rates were an imperfect form of taxation and had many disadvantages. But whatever the shortcomings of the present system and the real problem of the increased burdens many people were now facing, generous provision had been made in the form of rate rebates to help those in need.

Business chiefs worried at prospects, MP says

By George Clark Political Correspondent Mr John Davies, Conservative MP for Knutsford and a former director-general of the Confederation of British Industry, said yesterday that messages reaching him from business leaders both in his political and banking activities reflected their concern about prospects for the national economy over the next year.

Mr William Clark, MP for Croydon, South, and joint treasurer of the Conservative Party, said at Luton that Mr Healey's lip service to profits sounded hollow, coming from a man who did not save any money himself.

Labour still bent on more public ownership

By Our Political Correspondent Confirming that the Labour Government was still determined to go ahead with an expansion of public ownership, Mr Heffer, Minister of State for Industry, told a meeting at Liverpool yesterday that "because of our priority situation" Labour was not in an easy position regarding its policies.

Nevertheless, he said, "we are not letting the grass grow under our feet, and we in the Department of Industry are actively preparing our plans, which are based upon the election manifesto and the programme carried at the 1973 Labour Party conference."

The question of shipbuilding and ship-repair public ownership is under active consideration, as is the nationalization of the aircraft industry. How precisely these industries will be publicly owned is a matter for discussions which will involve the unions as well as other interested groups.



Flixborough visit: Mr Foot, Secretary of State for Employment (right), visited the wrecked Nypro chemical plant at Flixborough, Humberside, yesterday but his 45-minute tour had to be curtailed because of danger from falling debris as a high wind swept the site.

He had decided to visit the site to hear what the people who knew about it had to tell, he said. Their comments would be taken into account when the Government decided what form of inquiry should be held.

Japanese hope to produce no damage car bumper

Mr Teiji Lida, a senior engineer of Toyota, said yesterday that protection from injury and damage in car accidents could be bought at a price. "But there comes a point at which it may no longer be cost-effective."

Toyota expected to develop an economically beneficial no-damage bumper, effective at 5 mph, for smaller cars. Car recall order: The Transport Ministry in Tokyo has asked Nissan Motor Company to recall 1973, which had faulty clutches.

Legal action urged against Mr Craig

The public prosecutor was urged last night by Mr Robert Cooper, a leader of the moderate Alliance Party, in Ulster, to take legal action over a speech by Mr William Craig, the United Ulster Unionist Coalition MP at Westminster, which he gave at Oxford on Thursday night.

Mr Craig told the University of Northern Ireland that Northern Ireland "loyalists" would "wage civil war in the fullest sense of the word" if they failed to get their way. He also said that "military aid to terrorism if we cannot negotiate a political end" would be used.

Life jail for five over senator's murder

From Our Correspondent Dublin Five men from Co Meath were sentenced at the Criminal Court in Dublin today to life imprisonment after being convicted of murdering Senator Philip Fox at Turcooney, Co Meath on March 11.

Close Dublin watch on Gaughan funeral

Continued from page 1 They will watch closely this morning when the coffin is laid in the Franciscan church on a Dublin quayside to see how much public sympathy the city feels it wants to devote to Mr Gaughan.

Timing search for Lord and Lady Donoughmore, who are still missing nearly three days after they were kidnapped from their estate at Clonmel, in Co Tipperary, has been full of public sympathy for the IRA.

Whether he may have lived in the abduction Donoughmore, although expressed considerable interest in talking to Mr McMorris. The Donoughmore family was demonstrated Thursday night in Clonmel 600 people attended a n to express their anger kidnapping. The mayor town, Alderman John 26, of Clonmel, was full images of nationalism an sometimes crimes were mitted in its name.

Attempt to end delay in higher pensions fails

By Our Labour Correspondent Talks aimed at ending the dispute which is delaying preparations for payment of increased pensions due next month failed last night. Leaders of Civil Service unions are expected to decide today to continue their industrial action.

Scailion, president of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, warned the Government yesterday not to betray the unions and accept a watered-down version of its proposed industrial relations legislation. He said that if the Conservatives and Liberals succeeded in gaining important amendments in the Trade Union and Labour Relations Bill now before Parliament, the Government must go to the country.

Writ over Lord Arran's attack on Irish

A High Court writ of defamation has been taken by Mr Laurence O'Kear Irishman, against Lord who attacked the Irish weekly newspaper column week. The private civil action, which Lord Arran, an Irish landowner, was of libel and slander.

Masked raider is jailed for 18 years

From Our Correspondent Nottingham Masked raiders who tried to strangle a woman shopkeeper aged 76 with her scarf and broke her jaw when she attempted to call for help were jailed at Nottingham Crown Court yesterday.

His brother, Andrew Berridge, aged 22, of Summers Street, Nottingham, was jailed for two years for burglary. David Grimes, aged 28, of Gill Street, Nottingham, was jailed for three years for burglary. Thomas Carroll, aged 22, of no fixed address, was jailed for two years for admitting assaulting a shopkeeper with intent to rob.

Lord Balogh's son appeals against sentence

Stephen Balogh, aged 28, a solicitor's clerk and son of Lord Balogh, Minister of State for Energy, planned to release a bottle of laughing gas into St Albans Crown Court during the recent pornography trial because he was bored with the proceedings, the Court of Appeal was told yesterday.

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Badger dig costs four men £200

In what was believed to be the first case of criminal mischief caught on video, four men were fined £50 yesterday at Winstford Magistrates' Court, Cheshire, for unlawfully digging for badgers. They had pleaded not guilty under the Badger Protection Act, 1973, which came into force in January.

New complaint against engineering union

By Our Labour Correspondent A fresh complaint alleging unfair industrial practice by the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers was laid before the National Industrial Relations Court yesterday.

Inquiry panel for nurses' pay review named

Details of the nurses' independent pay inquiry, which is to start at once, were announced yesterday by Mrs Castle, Secretary of State for Social Services. She said she hoped it could be completed by late summer.

Deserter returns

Mr Walter William Talbot, aged 73, who deserted his Royal Navy ship in Canada in 1920 and gave himself up to officers in the Prince of Wales's frigate, Jupiter, in San Diego, California, earlier this year, arrived from Los Angeles at Gatwick airport yesterday to visit his birthplace in Lowestoft. He has been given an honourable discharge.

Holiday thoughts

Children often seem to hate every minute of a holiday, however carefully planned. What do they really want? Tomorrow The Sunday Times launches a Children's competition with a family cruise as first prize. Contestants will be asked to express their holiday thoughts by completing a strip cartoon.

Weather forecast and recordings

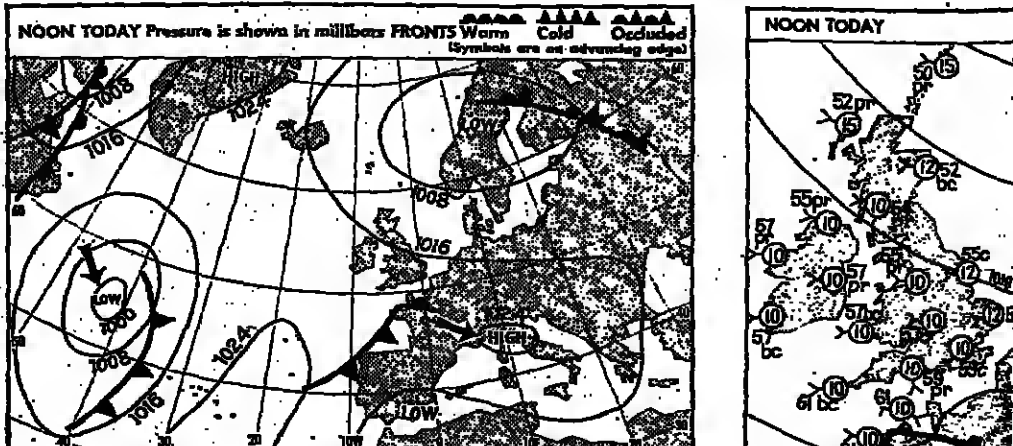


Table with columns for 'Today' and 'Tomorrow' showing weather conditions, sun/moon rises/sets, and wind directions for various locations like London, Manchester, and Liverpool.

Table titled 'WEATHER RECORDS YESTERDAY MIDDAY' showing temperature, wind, and other weather data for various locations across the UK and Ireland.

THE NEWS

Expansion plan for coal to be announced ore pit pay debate

Mr Varley, himself a NUM-sponsored MP, will address the conference on the Government's plans for sustaining the coal industry...

Builder 'on the lump' is jailed for tax evasion

Britain loses millions of pounds each year because building sub-contractors "on the lump" pay no tax...

Trust denies influencing executive of NCCL Move to stop Mr Loney's dismissal

By Diana Geddes The first step in an attempt to nullify the decision of the executive committee of the National Council for Civil Liberties to dismiss Mr Martin Loney...



Mr Loney: "Reasons not substantiated"

Mr Loney said he had never been involved in anything as vicious or as nasty as that. The reasons the executive committee gave me were never substantive nor substantiated...

Student fanaticism 'a threat to education'

By Tim Devlin Education Correspondent The fanaticism of some students who refused to listen to unpalatable points of view was denounced yesterday as the greatest single threat to education...

Industry defends change 'super' Harrier

Secretary of State for Defence was forced on him by the Americans two months ago. Until then AV-16 had been an authorized, inexpensive research programme...

Women can have their names on passports

Women are to be able to have passports in their own names if they can provide satisfactory evidence...

In brief

Special security for Vermeer

Special security devices have been installed at Kenwood House art gallery, Hampstead, London, where the £2m Vermeer, 'The Guitar Player'...

Arms dealer's case for a licence refused

Mr Kevin Kavanagh, an Irish-born arms dealer, has lost his fight at Bodmin Crown Court, Cornwall for an arms dealer's licence to help establish a gun-making factory in Cornwall...

Jail for child stealing

Mrs Nora Anna Wells, aged 45, of Brentwood Lane, Toxteth, London, was jailed at the Central Criminal Court yesterday for 18 months for child stealing...

£33,000 trawler fund

The Hull Trawler Skippers Guild fund for dependants of 35 men lost in the trawler 'Coral' in February, and other lost fishermen, exceeded £33,000 when it closed yesterday.

Ferry strike over

Ferry sailings on the Stranraer-Larne Irish service are to be resumed today after a strike by crews over cargo handling and Sunday payments.

Mine exploded

A 6ft, 5,000lb mine trawled up by a fishing boat off Wollaton on the Naze, Essex, was exploded off the coast yesterday.

Heavy lorries ban

Lorries more than three tons in weight are to be banned from the centre of Wisbech, Cambridgeshire.

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WEST EUROPE AND OVERSEAS

Nato declaration off ice as US-Europe links grow warmer

From David Cross Brussels, June 7 The improvement in relations between the United States and Europe, manifest in Washington and European capitals in recent days, has been boosted by two further developments in Brussels today.

Final details still have to be worked out by the Foreign Ministers themselves in Ottawa on June 18 and 19. Some remaining problematic passages, such as references to a separate European identity, and improved consultations between European nations and the United States, are expected to be resolved then.

Brutalities recounted by Yom Kippur prisoners

From Moshe Brilliant Tel Aviv, June 7 Israel prisoners of war repatriated after eight months of Syrian captivity unfolded reports of brutality by their jailers in interviews today. They spoke of atrocities during the first four months of their captivity after the Yom Kippur war and of marked improvement after the first visit by Red Cross representatives.



M Poniatsowski, the French Minister of the Interior, congratulating Mlle Florence Hugodot after the announcement that she would be the first woman sub-prefect in France's history.

Problem of a prefix for a Sous-Prefet

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, June 7 A tall, 25-year-old blonde has become the first woman to penetrate the French prefectural system, the long arm—sometimes the strong arm—of the central Government in the provinces.

M Michel Poniatsowski, Minister of the Interior, has nominated Mlle Florence Hugodot to the post of sub-prefect in the eastern Pyrenees department, carrying on the new Government's announced intention to promote women to hitherto male preserves.

Two minor problems immediately arise: how to adapt the ornate ceremonial uniform of the corps, which dates from Napoleonic times, and how exactly to address "Mlle le Sous-Prefet".

Dr Kissinger confident Atlantic Alliance is firm

From Our Own Correspondent Washington, June 7 Dr Henry Kissinger last night bounced back from his bruising news conference to speak some warmly confident words about United States-European relations.

Attending a reception for Nato parliamentarians within hours of the double defeat in the Senate of efforts to force unilateral cuts in American forces overseas—the Secretary of State clearly wanted to put the dire sounding disagreements of last spring behind the Atlantic Alliance.

While he predicted good chances of signing, at last, the long-haggled over Nato "declaration" at the ministerial meeting in Ottawa next week, he recalled that there were more important things.

M Jobert decides not to bow out gracefully

From Richard Wigg Paris, June 7 M Michel Jobert, who was Foreign Minister under President Pompidou, indicated today that he is eager to get back into politics again. He is perhaps the most distinguished figure among those passed over by President Giscard d'Estaing.

Jobert and who abstained in the vote—to that Gaullist rank-and-file disenchantment. In a radio interview M Jobert characteristically backed into the limelight, remarking that he believed it would be wrong for him not to interest himself in what was happening politically under the new Administration.

Priest charged after Mafia man's murder

From Our Correspondent Rome, June 7 Don Agostino Coppola, a Sicilian priest arrested in Rome recently for alleged participation in a Mafia kidnapping organisation, has been charged with complicity in premeditated murder.

The alleged victim was Signor Vito Gallina, aged 39, a member of his parish at Carini, near Palermo, who is believed to have refused a Mafia "request" to hide a prospective kidnap hostage, the 14-year-old daughter of a wealthy electrical appliance manufacturer.

Bomb shatters Haiti patrol boat

Miami, June 7—A bomb shattered a Haitian Government patrol boat in dry dock for repairs at Miami river marina.

Chinese to build stadium in Uganda

Kampala, June 7—China is to build a national stadium in Uganda large enough to seat 40,000 people.

Train robber has changed his address in Rio

Rio de Janeiro, June 7—Mr Ronald Biggs, the escaped train robber, has left his flat near Copacabana beach. A police spokesman said: "We know where he is, but cannot disclose his address."

White House harassed by 'defence fund' allegation

Continued from page 1 each other. It came while in another courtroom, a judge was considering Mr Nixon's motion to have the full list of Watergate co-conspirators published, now that the secret of his own listing by the grand jury is out.

Monna Lisa going to Moscow

Tokyo, June 7—Leonardo da Vinci's Monna Lisa will go on view in Moscow after being shown at an exhibition here which ends on Monday, a French Embassy spokesman said today.

General Amin changes mind over expelling British

Nairobi, June 7—The British community in Uganda is not to be expelled in spite of threats by President Amin, which he has described as a malicious propaganda campaign by Britain, according to reliable sources in Kampala tonight.

Tories to send new delegates to Strasbourg

By Our Political Correspondent The British Government, while continuing its refusal to send Labour MPs to the European Parliament in Strasbourg, is offering no opposition to the Conservative Party's proposal to "top up" the Conservative delegation.

More EEC flexibility over professional qualifications

From Our Own Correspondent Brussels, June 7 Member governments have given fresh impetus to the European Community's plans for resolving some of its outstanding education problems.

British girl arrested as 'human trafficker'

Berlin, June 7—British Embassy officials were today demanding a meeting with Miss Susan Ballantine, the British girl arrested on a charge of trying to smuggle her East German boyfriend out of the country.

British Leyland strikers held in Spanish church

From Our Correspondent Madrid, June 7 Armed police entered the Ploña Cathedral to break up British Leyland strikers' strike last night, arresting six men.

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OVERSEAS

Opposition in Pakistan presses Government to bar Ahmadiyya sect

Correspondent. June 7. Opposition in Pakistan's Parliament has pressed the Government to bar the Ahmadiyya sect...

Terrorists assassinate Malaysia police chief

From Our Correspondent Kuala Lumpur, June 7. Two assassins killed Tan Sri Abdul Rahman bin Hashim, Malaysia's Inspector-General of Police...

Professor seeks asylum in US

Tokyo, June 7.—A Soviet professor who disappeared while teaching in Japan on an exchange visit is seeking political asylum in the United States...

and foilsunist plot

June 7.—A communist seizure power after religious and the as been uncovered to Mr Sanya Thammathine Minister, said...

Miss Hearst charged with armed bank robbery

From Our Own Correspondent New York, June 7. New charges of armed robbery have been brought in San Francisco against Miss Patricia Hearst...

Whitlam measures to curb inflation

Correspondent. June 7. The anti-inflation program which Mr Whitlam announced last week...

In brief

Five guerrillas hanged. Salisbury, June 7.—Five African guerrillas were hanged in Salisbury prison...

Chile executions end

Boon, June 7.—Chile's military regime has promised that no more political opponents will be executed...

Domestic Situations

NANNY. June 7. Benjamin A. Thomas, 4 weeks recently require a lady...

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SATURDAY REVIEW

Now that all the talk is of new worlds, I feel that I myself am bound for the Columbus in a hurry to home. I have caught a use of a new heaven and fashioned by Woolworth's the BBC from the wreckage of the spider carcasses and I prefer that a grew out of the fallen pillars of the Forum of temples that had been down more than 20 years I have made and made worlds, both old and new: some that existed, that existed only as I saw and for me alone until I to my generation the key-ome that I created. Of this existing in the past, I one in Cambodia, and it to you floating upon wings of kites, or part of it in the mountains of Guatemala in those vast churches, and cloudy with ice, floors of which arched with rose petals and with stars of candle-lights, built for Christian chairmen of a of ruthless, obsolete gods, heathens—but that world re for another occasion. In there were the worlds, familiar, of Spain and or the peculiar ancient eranean world which is so it to focus, and which you ster, for instance, through Gate at Mycenae, a built momentarily anew same sky and the same rushing with auriferous through that gully cuts off every other ach: a world of vast helmets, gold masks and as tombs. But one of dest worlds of which for-ant I caught sight was at ten-pant given by Prince in April, 1934. Let me, try to catch that moment, a first we must have maps here, and Chinese paint- and generally become



He and his wife, also a member of the Manchu royal house, their past are always denotes not a single building standing by itself, but an organization of groups of tiled and painted pavilions in a series of gardens, and also that, because Feking is built of houses of opal stone, except for the Forbidden City and the Gates it covers an immense area. It contains huge thoroughfares—planned, it is said, by Kubla Khan—and innumerable small, thronged streets, and then, suddenly, you will come to a wide, tree-lined broad *cui-de-sac*; it may be, where it seems as though no one ever passed. The houses are ripe with age in this empty sunshine. The grass grows between the cobbles; there are no stalls for food or tea, no children, in their broad, padded coats, stamping and tumbling in the dust, no pie-bald dogs, no old gentlemen carrying bird-cages in which their pet are waiting only to be uncovered before they start their song.

There are no street sounds, no echo of gong or wooden clapper or bell or rattle, no cries of the men who sell the innumerable delicacies of the season: spring chickens, ducks fattened in cellars, dumplings, smoked fish or the common water-chestnut or sunflower seeds. . . . It was out of such a broad and stagnant street, or place, as this that you entered the palace of Prince Pu-Ru.

The prince was not a rich man—there are few rich men in China, except, it may be, for various aristocratic missionaries and their children, or the sons of former statesmen of the Dowager Empress or the relatives of retired mandarins, who, for graft and favour, not commerce, brought the great fortunes of the East. In consequence—and because the prince was an artist—the palace had remained unspoiled. The right exterior painting, vermilion and green, of the halls was dry and flaking, and the ceilings and walls showed in places the ingenious, sombre lacquering of the snows of this year and yesterday, which three times every winter roll a carpet of thick swans-down over the fleshing golden tiles of the Forbidden City, and the herringbone-ribbed, grey tiles of the Tatar and Chinese cities.

In the first room, in which we waited, I remember that two pots, containing diminutive fruit trees in flower, stood between the windows; these dwarf trees that were grown in Peking for house decoration, with the significant and distorted line of their small, crooked branches, and with blossom—cherry or peach—the precise counterpart of that which you see in a Chinese painting.

Soon the prince came in, and I was presented to him. He was a sturdy figure, in a dark-blue robe, with a face broader than the ordinary Chinese face, and thoughtful and kind in his cast. He talked to me for some time through the friend who had brought me, and who now interpreted, albeit, indeed, the exquisite courtesy and dignity



Emperor Ch'ien Lung

Old Worlds for New

by Osbert Sitwell

of his manner needed no translator. Before long the princess joined her husband and helped him to show us—for my friend was a celebrated connoisseur—some of his treasures: small bronze vases of great antiquity, and a huge carved emerald which had belonged to that great collector, Ch'ien Lung. This stone had a rippling surface like that of water, green water, containing a lost unfathomable depth of light. Of the purest colour, it was the size of the prince's foot—remarkably small, though the feet of Manchu ladies had never been bound. . . . All this time, from behind a pane of glass in the wall—the windows, of course, were of oiled paper—very beautiful Chinese girls, her face painted in a florid, extremely stylized manner, and wearing an elaborately embroidered Chinese robe of blue silk, was watching us. But presently when tea was brought, she came in to wait on the princess. At the interview the prince told us he was giving a garden-party the following week, and invited us to be present.

The importance, as it turned out, of this function was that it proved to be the first Manchu social event that had taken place since the Marshal Feng Yu-Hsiang's troops, doubtless at their leader's inspiration, had forced their way into the Forbidden City, and the young Emperor had been obliged to escape, some ten years before. And, when the afternoon arrived, it seemed as though, in itself, it might have been worth waiting for through a whole decade. Certainly, in England, it would so have seemed. But in the climate of northern China such a day as such a time is to be confidently expected.

The seasons are unbelievably regular in the incidence of their weather. Each fall of snow in the winter, each graduation, almost, of temperature can be predicted. Thus, at the winter solstice, it is customary in Peking to make a "Nine-Nines Chart of Lessening Cold", composed of nine patterns and 81 small circles, or else to paint a plum branch in outline, bearing on it nine blossoms with 81 petals, so that a circle or a petal can be struck off each day before the fulfilment of the spring.

But now the Feast of Excited Insects (on the morning of which day, it is said, the heroes return to the most of the Imperial Palace, leaving for the south again about five months later, on the evening of the Lantern Festival) was long over, spring had come, its Feast of Ching Ming, or Pure Brightness (when all good citizens wear circlets of willow, sweep the graves of their ancestors, and burn coloured paper money in their behalf, so that they can purchase little luxuries beyond the tomb), had gone by.

Each day seemed finer than the last, and the effervescence of

spring was everywhere to be felt in the fairs held within temple precincts, in the streets, in the broad roads or in the quiet lanes, by the lake of Pei-hai, by the moat, by day and by night.

The advance of the year was so rapid you could almost hear the branches of apple and quince and wistaria creaking with the life within them, almost see the sticky buds first appear, and then unfold and open into their spice-breathing . . . cups, and tongue and turrets. And, since the object of this party was to see the crab-apple trees in bloom, no afternoon could have been more fitted, more consecrated by nature herself, to this purpose. It might have been fashioned solely for men to savour the scent and essence of such trees in flower, and the gay, sheep-skin clouds, flecking the blue dome of the sky, were translucent as the clustered pearls themselves.

We drove to the palace in our rickshaws, and were kept sitting therein for a minute or two in the deserted space outside, while at us with a curiosity of so particularly since on the last occasion, too, I had seen them and had asked my friend from a lodge, each side to open the stout wooden gates.

The gardens seemed immense, as we got out of our rickshaws and began to walk. Inside the boundaries of their walls, crowned with yellow tiles, were groves of old cypresses, the front-like arrangements of their being lying upon the air as though they were layers of blue-green smoke, there were eighteenth-century water-gardens, now dry but full of wild flowers, and there were the sun-drenched, rough trunks, the crooked and ancient fruit trees which constituted the chief pride of their owner.

As we approached the pavilions, we noticed how many guests had already arrived. And although there was nothing political about this gathering in intention, the atmosphere was heavy and strange, laden with feeling for the old régime, for here, today, within this green domain, walking slowly as tortoises, hobbling, trudging, crawling, were all those who had come through from one world into another. Most of them, indeed, appeared to be very old. Some had been in hiding ever since the death of the Dowager Empress, some since the first revolution, some merely since the flight of the young Emperor; none, you would have pronounced with certainty, had ventured out for at least a decade.

Looking at them, it was at once possible to see that these Manchu nobles, in spite of their infirmity, and though very different from their ancestors, the simple warriors, with their outlandish ways and barbarous foods—that belonged more to the tents of tribes wandering through the vast plains of Manchuria and Mongolia, and over

through the courts of the palace as the sun moved—so it was held—through the sky, seemed to be audible again in the distance to sentient ears.

These old men could recall so vividly the precise unique walk, a kind of conventional totter, as though upon stilts, decreed by the usages of antiquity for the Emperor of China, and the unique Imperial voice, inhuman—and so, godlike—loud and high, of which the very recollection was dead (though once I was fortunate enough to hear an imitation of it, given by a Russian who had been received in audience by the Dowager Empress—but he was rather drunk at the time, and nobody except myself would listen).

Curiously, each man was a stranger to me, each man was a shadow belonging to the past. Now, it was only within the compass of these walls that there existed yet a sense of relative cheer with exactitude the identity and position of each man present. Outside, there was nobody to whom to talk, nobody who remembered anything. . . . And, kindling in this new warmth, the guests, after greeting their host and hostess, passed on, beyond the pavilions, in the direction of the orchards.

Perhaps they could scarcely be termed orchards, because the trees, being grown for their blossom rather than their fruit, were irregularly disposed, and were fewer to the given area than is our custom. Bent, contorted with age as the old men who were now on their way to inspect them, they must have been planted some two centuries before. Each of them might have been shaped by the green fingers of a Chinese God of Growth, each was as exquisitely placed upon the green turf as any figure upon a scroll by the hand of a great artist. Perfect in their balance and grotesque posture, some inclined, at the precise angle best calculated to display their unexpected and singular grace, while one tree, even, lay on its side and blossomed on the ground. Slowly, patiently, the old men hobbled along the crooked, paved paths that zigzagged to these trees. When they reached them, they were conducted up small flights of stone steps, so fashioned that, saving where the steps showed, they seemed natural rocks that had crumbled up through the turf or had fallen from the sky. These flights, their tops level with the tops of the trees, are thus placed near apple and peach and quince and cherry, so that the connoisseur can obtain a perfect view of the blossom.

Even to a newcomer, inexpert in the flowery lore of the Chinese, from each different place, the particular view of the tree for which the step had been constructed offered a revelation of a new world of the same kind as when first you fly in an aircraft above the clouds, and look down upon their fleecy humps, white and golden—except that clouds disperse, are opaque, and do not favour an ordered development.

To the Chinese amateurs of the garden, however, these steps offer even more than to someone, like myself, who was fresh to them. In consequence, the old gentlemen persevered—for it was difficult for them to ascend



So, they stayed on. . . . But, alas, it was time for us to go. We said good-bye to our host and hostess, and turned away towards the gates, towards the new world of salvation. Army shakers and America's Mother's Days, of corrugated iron and cocoa.

But as I looked back I could distinguish in the distance the tops of the trees, so old, yet so intensely alive, producing these living hives of fragrance, living resurgent clouds of snow and roses, dusted with powdered gold, and on the top of every flight of steps I could see, too, a decrepit dignity of the ex-Imperial empire, his robes of maroon or burnt causing the blue of the sky to vibrate more intensely.

Each old man stood, unmoving, motionless above the blossom, staring down at its frothy intricacies, waiting there with a certain solemnity, it seemed, and a proper sense of the occasion—for even tomorrow this perfection would be tarnished and it would be too late to form a considered opinion, even one day would have made all the difference: each old man waited, thus quietly under the immense blue dome, as though he were a watcher on a tower, or the guardian of an ancient shrine calling the faithful to worship.

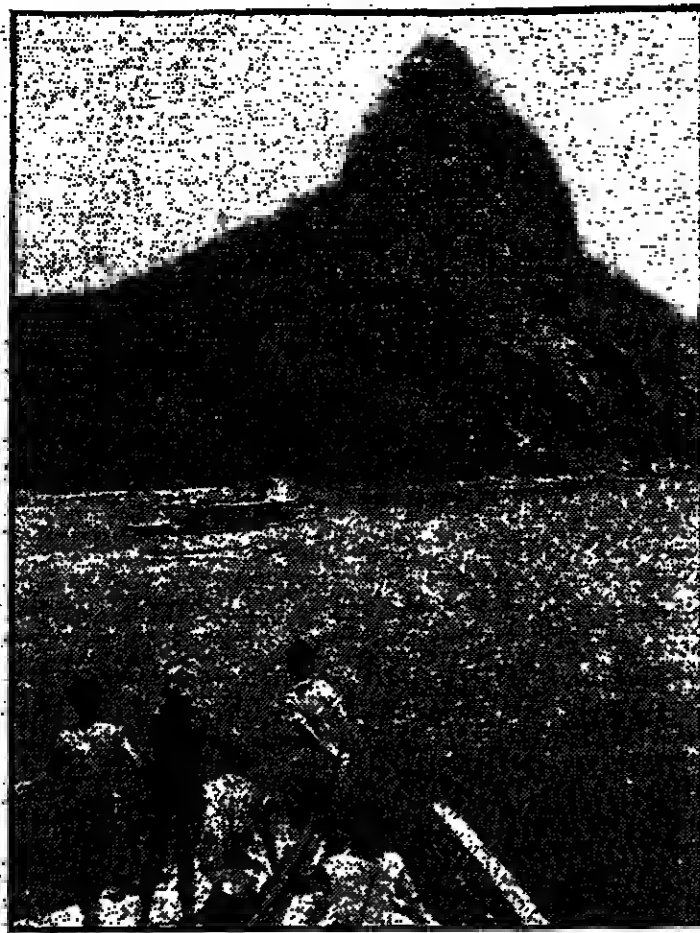
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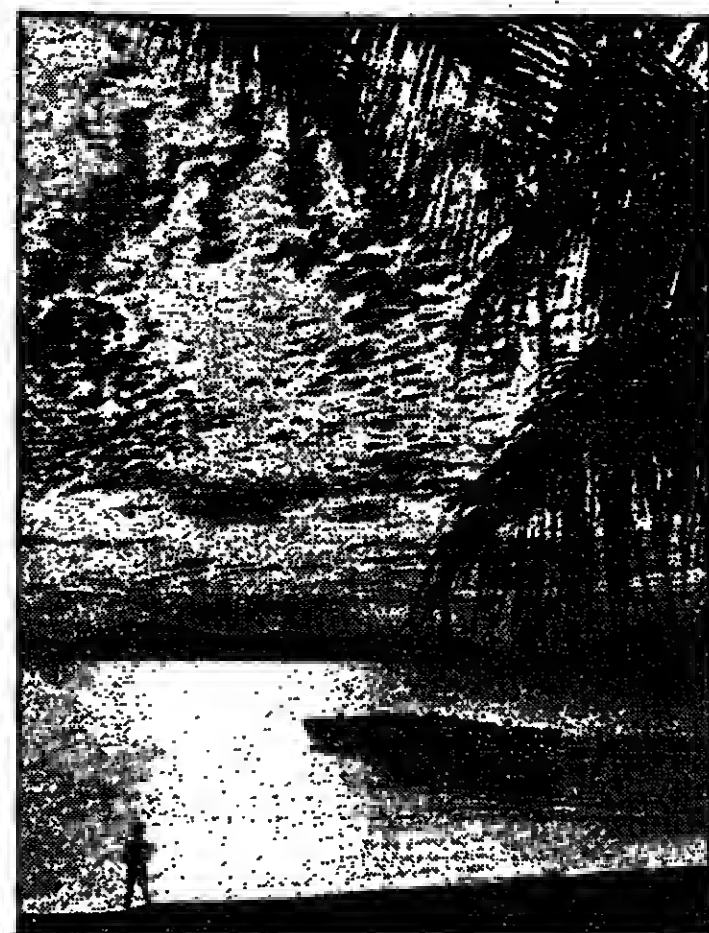
Travel

A wonderful sea wall called the Barrier Reef

Creation of wheat mushrooms, staghorns, leaves, glowing under with vivid tints of shade, excellent in granular variety of a florist's...



Playing in the shadow of the Barrier Reef.



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There's a boat just leaving for that island over there. Royal Seafarer, Lachlan said, "I'm taking people over for a picnic lunch and a bit of water-skiing. Why don't you go? It's a nice beach and the wild yellow orchids are just coming out on the trees behind. We don't charge for little trips like this, of course, or for the water-skiing or catamaran sailing, only for the long excursions in the bigger boats."

There are other tourists resorts on the islands, and I went to look at them, joining a three-day cruise on the Esmeralda, a converted naval pilot boat, which sleeps 24.

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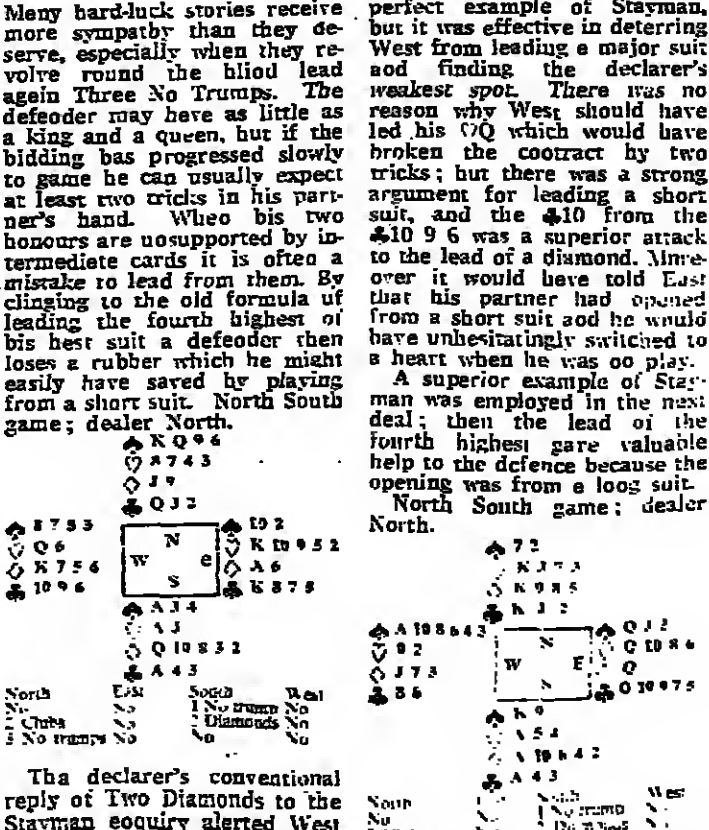
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Bernard Levin

Mr Hochhauser and the Bolshoi Ballet

I do not wish at this point to go over yet again the case against the Bolshoi Ballet...

Mr Hochhauser has for many years had something approaching a monopoly in the presentation in this country of Soviet musicians, dancers and other artists...

This began, roughly speaking, at the time of the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968; by an ironical coincidence, the Red Army Choir was in Britain...

Since then the tide of protest has flowed ever more strongly, as the Soviet Union's antisemi-

tic persecution has got worse. There have been demonstrations (performances by the Georgian State Dancers were interrupted by protesters jumping on to the stage) and increasingly sharp criticism...

Which brings me to the position of Mr Hochhauser. Mr Hochhauser, who is himself both Jewish and a former refugee from persecution...

Nothing could have been plainer or more definite; and I must add that when I telephoned Mr Hochhauser to ask him what his position was...

The charge implicit in the above is, obviously, a serious one. My source, therefore, gave me permission to confront Mr Hochhauser with the charge...

question, and by the time I did (on Thursday evening) matters had clearly moved far.

I learned that a statement was to be put out, agreed between Mr Hochhauser and the Sadler's Wells Trust, either that same night (Thursday) or the following morning...

I therefore got in touch with Lord Harewood, managing director of the Sadler's Wells Opera, and Mr Kenneth Robinson, chairman of the Sadler's Wells Trust...

Dear Mr Levin, I am absolutely clear my organization's role in connection with the forthcoming visit of the Bolshoi Ballet Company...

From informal discussions we had with the Russians, we were hoping quite sincerely that the situation would improve. However, in the light of developments...

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George Hutchinson

A fine statement of principle by Mr Jenkins

There are two distinct ways of conducting a Government department and of course, the office of Prime Minister. The incumbent minister can involve himself in every sort of decision, great or small...

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any modification of policy, of a decision to remand a prisoner. And where did the ad...

The present Government right to abolish the other, which is predece...

Alas, the danger is that the Government will be over-ruled by the courts...

Mr Mahon, a former director of the National Gallery, is alone. I have spoken this...

As for his overall intention to abolish the tax, I hear...

Advocates of military retreat in Northern Ireland, at an appointed time announced in advance...

From what I am told, the may be quite so fearsome and deadening as we have...

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Simón Bolívar, conqueror of nature as well as men

Simón Bolívar knew more about Britain than the British knew about him, though they joined his army, sold him arms, and supported his cause...



Rather be put through government or the sword of reform, a synthesis incomprehensible to the liberals of his time...

He provoked extremes of devotion and detestation. Many Latin Americans wanted him to be their dictator, other kings, their emperor...

He was born on July 24, 1783, to wealth and privilege, the son of one of the old colonial families of Venezuela...

Bolívar was a talented soldier, though his talents differed from those of his more professional contemporaries...

Bolívar gave his name to the new state of Bolivia and he drafted its constitution...

John Lynch

The author is a professor in the Department of History, University College, London.

Tackling Everest in a tweed jacket

It is still faintly possible that 50 years ago today two British climbers ascended the summit of Mount Everest...

What little evidence there is does suggest they died before they could reach the summit...

By 1924 Everest had become a kind of national status symbol which Britain seemed eager to acquire...

Comparing those early attempts with modern expeditions to the Himalayas gives some insight into what Mallory, the gentle and ascetic schoolmaster...

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which is proof even against the fiercest blizzards. Himalayan winds, there are high energy foods, oxygen sets which are light and reliable...

But before he could try to climb Everest, Mallory had first to find the mountain. On the reconnaissance in 1921, the mountaineers were moving into unexplored country...

The following year the first serious attempt was made, with Mallory taking a leading part. The key to the mountain was there, but no one was sure what would happen when it was reached...

Several facts have been established. The physiologists had been wrong about how long men could survive at such altitudes and the technical difficulties of the ridge were not thought to be overwhelming...

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than 25,000 feet would be fatal. In the event it was not lack of oxygen which defeated the first attempt...

Finch and Bruce made the next attempt using oxygen, and were slightly higher when they too, were forced to give in...

An ice axe belonging to one of the climbers was found by the 1933 expedition to Everest. From the position of the axe below the crest of the ridge it was thought it most likely marked the point of a slip...

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Whatever motivates men that play the game isn't nearly as important as the fact that they play it for fun and without great concern over the outcome...

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George Getscho

The author is a staff reporter of The Wall Street Journal.

Sportsview

Americans rediscover football played without the padding

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It looks like a Neanderthal version of football: a confusing tangle of arms and legs snog over end around each other in a not-so-fond embrace...

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Left: football, American style; and Barry John, until recently one of rugby's stars.

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MEXICO

a Special Report on investment and the tourist industry

Tourism now nation's lifeblood

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last half year or so. Like Spain and bordering on the Atlantic, the Caribbean United States have been hit by the energy crisis. Mexico has not suffered if anything may be benefited because of her proximity to the United States.

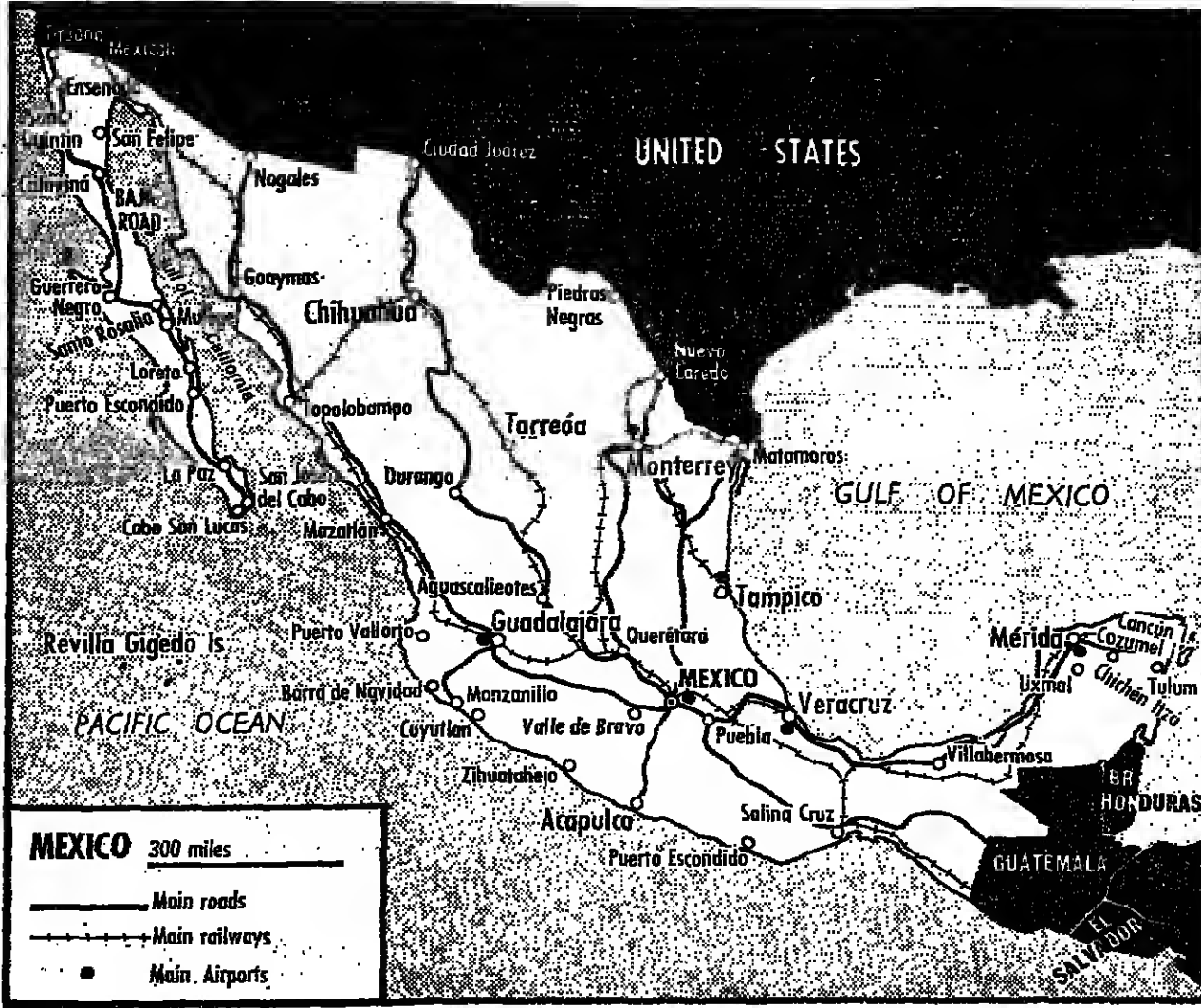
There is also the Tourist Department which is responsible to the executive commission. Its main task is planning national tourism including the appropriation of land; the Tourist Council promotes tourism through its offices abroad. The newest tourist agency Fonatur which is basically a refinancing institution created by the February law which replaces a similar organization called Infatur which was active last year.



used to be a purely agricultural economy, but tourism has not only replaced it but has become the main source of income. Last year the gross tourism amount was 1,888m (more than representing 90.6 of the overseas earnings).

The tourist city of Cancun, on the Yucatan peninsula, is basically the brainchild of Antonio Savignac (above) whose inspiration and dedication cut through the red tape and got the project off the drawing board.

During this time the purchaser, or borrower, has to put forward costs, plans, timetables, marketing information and financial projections showing his profit and loss accounts. Two of the major projects which Fonatur is promoting are at Cancun, on the Yucatan Peninsula, and Ixtapa, just north of Acapulco, on the Pacific. Cancun is without doubt one of the most exciting tourist projects of any country. Started only a year ago, it includes the construction of a complete tourist city on a narrow sandy island off the Quinlan Roo Territory on the Caribbean coast of the peninsula.



Bank with substantial additional financing from the World Bank. Cancun adds a new dimension to tourist development and is basically the brainchild of Señor Savignac whose inspiration and dedication has succeeded in cutting through red tape to get the project off the drawing board. This is typical of the kind of development that Fonatur hopes to achieve elsewhere in Mexico. Already it has attracted wide participation and interest from overseas—primarily from North America but from France as well, and the United Kingdom.

Mexicans have always been slow to invest in tourism themselves as they usually want a much faster return on their capital and have been more interested in the speculative elements. Foreigners have tended to be put off in the past because of procedural difficulties; in other words, red tape. It is hoped that this will be alleviated by the formation of the Executive Commission on Tourism, on the question of land tenure, and most important of all, on the problem of the amount of foreign participation in any project.

As Mexico has become more nationalistic in its attitude to foreign investment in recent years, some potential overseas investors have decided to look elsewhere where it is easier to place their money. Because of this, the Government last year published a new law for the promotion of foreign investment in an effort to clarify the guidelines which have always been rather nebulous, particularly as far as tourism is concerned.

"Come in on a partnership basis" is the plaintive cry heard from all official sources, "and play the game, the Mexican way." The new rules make it clear that the Government would like a 51 per cent Mexican holding in any new company established with foreign participation; however, there is in effect an escape clause that makes any

application for a higher holding by the overseas partner a possibility. In fact it is clear that any individual application for a major foreign shareholding will be considered upon individual circumstances by the National Commission for Foreign Investment which has been established to look at these problems in detail. Partnership and compromise seem to be the catch words to new investment policy. President Echeverria is constantly reiterating the need for investment on a joint collaboration basis.

"Do choose a Mexican partner", he urges. Although the Mexican may have the controlling interest there are still no restrictions on remittances of profits overseas. "Even so", one businessman said, "why seed your profit back home when you can probably make even more here by ploughing it back into the tourist industry." Mexico has always adopted a protective attitude to land tenure by foreigners and consequently in the past this has tended to slow several major overseas tourist development interests as the rules have never been clear.

Investment in tourism has meant primarily investment in an industry within what the Government terms the "forbidden zones". This is not as grim as it might seem. Successive Mexico regimes have always feared that an invading overseas power might find sympathetic support from any foreign resident living just inside her borders. For this reason, no foreigner can hold title to land within 50 kilometres of the coast or within 100 kilometres of Mexico's borders.

These loans are made for up to 15 years at 10 per cent. There is also the three-year grace period at the beginning during which no interest is payable. Fonatur, which is financed from government sources, subsidizes the loans which are available only for tourist projects at well under the normal interest rates. It also assists with loans for modernization projects at a slightly higher rate of interest—11 per cent.

Fonatur ploughs back most of the major profits that are made from land sales through the

the tourist industry. In that time, a town of 10,000 inhabitants, a jumbo jet size airport, and a dozen or so hotels have been started, the first of which opens next week. Fonatur has invested \$25m for the supply of basic services and another \$21.5m is coming from the Inter-American Aid Development

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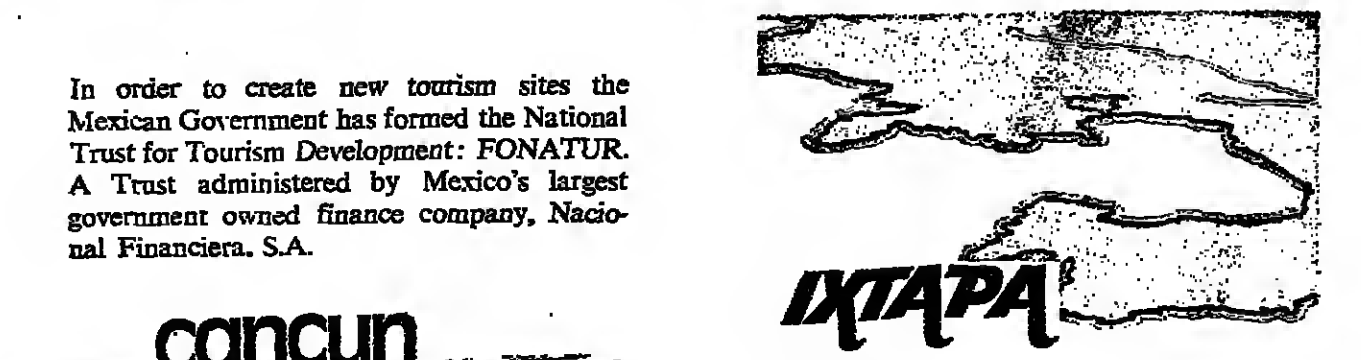


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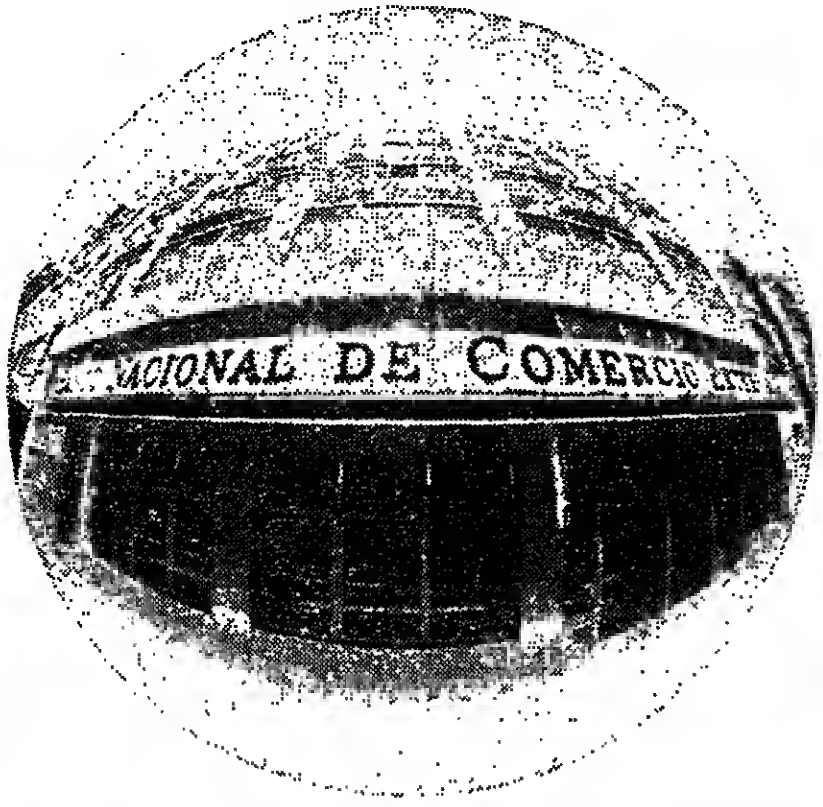
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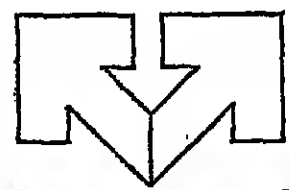
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State seeks private cash for holiday hotels

by Sidney Wise

A new type of investment in Mexican holiday resort projects is being promoted with the blessing of the Government. Private investors are being offered the attraction of placing their money in hotel resort centres, whose profitability has been subjected to feasibility studies, which can receive low-cost government financing, and which will form a part of a chain.

A novel element of this approach is that a Mexican state company is acting as the prime promoter in seeking private investment, both foreign and national. Also certain guarantees are being given, as well as facilities occasionally difficult to come by otherwise.

Nacional Hotelería has already arranged for the building of nine centres to be opened within the next two years and is now seeking investors for an additional eight projects scheduled for opening by 1976.

Until a few years ago, Nacional Hotelería was Mexico's biggest private hotel chain but poor management coupled with heavy govern-

ment loans based on inflation rather than repayment ability brought it to the verge of bankruptcy.

In January last year, Nacional Hotelería became a government majority corporation. Its debts were capitalised and at the end of 1973 it showed a profit of some £200,000. Projected profits for 1974 are £1.2m.

Besides operating its own hotel chain, Nacional Hotelería is actively engaged in seeking investment partners for 24 resort projects to be developed over the next five years in choice tourist regions of Mexico. These will include hotels and condominiums as well as, in many cases, marinas, tennis clubs, golf facilities, commercial centres and residential developments.

The projects are being promoted by Nacional Hotelería, which will also act as the operator. The resort project corporations will be wholly owned by private investors. Property bought by corporations or individuals on the coast or in border areas will be held in trust by a Mexican bank under the new Mexican foreign investment law adopted on April 30, 1971. However, investors may sell their property at any time they wish and will receive the full proceeds and profits thus obtained.

Señor Jorge Courralenc, director general of Nacional Hotelería, said the new foreign investment law had been misinterpreted in some quarters abroad as aimed at curbing foreign investment. "Nothing could be farther from the truth," he said. The law was aimed at encouraging foreign investment while at the same time providing protection for such investments and profits.

Of the 24 projects which Nacional Hotelería wants to develop during the next five years, 19 are on good coastal sites. Ten are to be on some of the most attractive beach sites of Baja California, at Cabo San Lucas, Rincon, San José de Cabo, Mulegé, Puerto Escondido and La Paz. Others are to be at Bahía Kino, Mazatlán and Ixtapa-Zihuatanejo on the west coast and at Tulum, Campeche, Cancun and Chetumal on the east coast of the Gulf of Mexico.

Each project has been based on feasibility studies, including market surveys and growth potential. In addition, the land on which the resort centre is to be developed has been checked as clear of encumbrances including claims from *ejidos* (farming communities). This can be a source of annoyance and uncertainty

in certain regions of Mexico. A basic theme of the Nacional Hotelería projects is to provide a partnership between foreigners and Mexicans and to avoid excessive American domination of the tourist industry. This, it is believed, provides greater investment safety over the long term, which might not be the case if tourism were to become completely dominated by foreign interests.

Long-term financing of hotels is to be provided by Fonatur, a government tourist development agency, at current rates of about 12 per cent for 15 year loans with a three year grace period.

Investors in the condominium flats at the various resorts are offered between 18 and 22 per cent annual return and exchange facilities with other comparable condominiums in different parts of Mexico operated by Nacional Hotelería.

The average cost of condominiums will be approximately £16,000 with 15 per cent required upon signing of the purchase contract, an additional 15 per cent on delivery of the keys and 70 per cent through financing of up to seven years, at two and three quarter per cent above the London interbank rate.

Nacional Hotelería is negotiating with Chase Manhan-

tan and other large foreign banks for 100 per cent financing packages of over \$100m.

Mexico has one of the world's highest rates of tourism. During the past decade the number of tourists to the interior has risen, increasing from 1,080,766 to 3,226,000 in 1973. The income from these tourists produced more during the period, going from \$1.1 billion in 1963 to \$2.74 billion in 1973.

In addition, income along the coast with the United States increased sharply due to the influx of tourists in 1973.

"The biggest problem Mexican tourism today is the lack of hotel rooms. The so-called off-season hotels are at over 90 per cent occupancy. The Mexican tourism industry, now aged 13 as a messenger hotel in the cent Mexico City.

Our second biggest problem," he said, "is to keep pace with the influx of tourists abroad."

Frocks and furniture and ceramic turtles

by Janet Coates Barber

The Night of the Radishes is a festival celebrated each year in the city of Oaxaca. During the Christmas period figures of the Virgin Mary and the three wise men are carved from large and conveniently-shaped radishes which are grown locally.

Farther up the Pacific coast in the state of Jalisco, necklaces, small toys and miniature baskets of flowers are made from chicle, the raw material used for chewing gum. These are just two examples of the many popular arts in Mexico today.

It is unlikely that the radish figures will find their way into British shops but chicle necklaces might be available before long, together with many other examples of Mexican *artesanía* (handicrafts).

During the past three years the Mexican Government has been giving financial encouragement to many ingenious Mexican artisans. The Banco Nacional de Fomento Cooperativo makes grants available to craftsmen for machinery, materials and technical assistance, to help Mexican handicrafts to flow at a faster rate to the United States, Europe and other parts of Latin America.

This government initiative, combined with the personal resourcefulness of importers in Britain means that increasing quantities of colourful and authentic handicrafts are filtering through to British shops.

It would be difficult to find a country which can provide such a great range of distinctive handicrafts as Mexico, yet, in spite of government help, problems of supply and transport still frustrate those anxious to sell these goods in Britain and many people concede defeat. It is those who have been prepared to solve the problems by going to Mexico to cajole suppliers to fulfil their orders, to ensure that goods make a safe exit from the port of Vera Cruz or leave on the right aircraft, who have finally achieved a measure of success.

White pine and mahogany

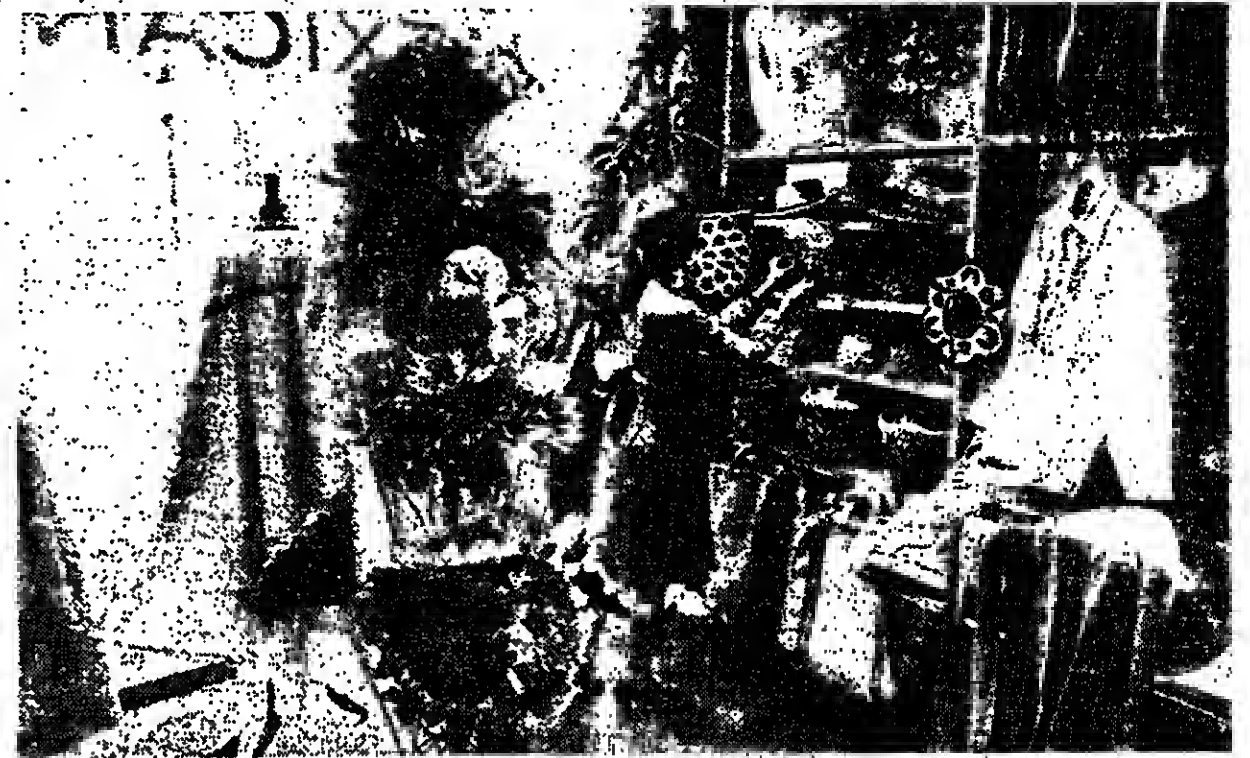
Mexicana in Lower Sloane Street, London, has been handling Mexican goods exclusively for about 10 years and the shop began selling mainly china and clay, mammals, and glassware. The high percentage of breakages in transit was one of the factors that encouraged them to sell instead the exquisite cotton dresses for which they are now well known.

Painters' smocks in pinks and oranges, with simple embroidery, heavy striped caftans, and woven evening dresses—all in cotton—with satin ribbons and tassels, are included in their range. The white pintucked cotton dresses decorated with white lace are continually popular. Other white cotton poplin dresses have hand embroidered coloured flowers around the yoke and the black cotton lace Goya dresses have plunging necklines and flounces.

However, the supply of all dresses is difficult to maintain. Silal bags, wall coverings, embroidered in coloured wools, and tissue paper flowers, are also part of Mexicana's range.

In Cuernavaca in West Tlaxcala is the only shop in Britain selling Mexican furniture, and it also acts as wholesaler to some large stores in the provinces. It has taken about three years for the shop to establish itself. The price of the hand-carved white pine and mahogany furniture compares favourably with other furniture of similar quality.

The dark solid dining and coffee tables have a high



Painters' smocks and evening dresses are among the colourful Mexican cotton dresses available in London.

polish, which is well-complemented by brilliant wool wall hangings from Oaxaca and Jalisco. The chairs are made mainly of white pine and mahogany. The leather seats and backs often have hand-tooled designs; other chairs have woven palm seats. Grape-tinted glass jugs and tumblers from Guadalajara and onyx chess sets and pears from Puebla are displayed in elaborately curved chests and cabinets.

Goods made from onyx form a large part of the stock imported by the Euro Latin Commercial Company; these include stained apples and pears from Puebla. The company, which has been operating for about three years, also imports glassware, woven sashes from Chihuahua, sisal bags and bannocks, and clay animals covered closely with strands of knitting wool which are stuck on with wild bees wax. Euro Latin has about 200 outlets in Britain and many of these are gift shops.

Silver offers some of the most exciting design possibilities. Aztec Silver is a new company which was formed after a lot of research, negotiations with Mexican silversmiths, high investment and strenuous efforts to meet the exact hallmark standards of the assay office. Aztec imports a wide range of handmade jewelry mainly in sterling silver, which is designed by themselves or the silversmiths who supply them.

Each item carries Aztec's hallmark and the stamp of the individual silversmith who made it. The traditional silver flexible fish with sapphire eyes has been one of their first successes. The fish, silver initial letters, and zodiac signs are used as pendants and have been appearing increasingly on magazine covers to the delight of Aztec's designers. Solid shiny grab bracelets, poison rings set with tiger's eye and abalone shell and a multitude of silver chains are also part of their large collection.

Silver rope belts with tassels are made from finely woven strands of the metal. These are the delicately engraved salt and pepper holders in the shape of strawberries or apples, show the variety of textures that can be created.

The newest items which will reach some of Aztec's 200 outlets in Britain soon are belt buckles. Designs are cut out of silver rectangles which are then filled with crushed turquoise. The most exciting silver buckle is in the shape of a turtle. A large agate surrounded by tiger's eye set in silver, forms the turtle's shell.

Other animals soon to be available from Mexico will include ceramic turtles, toucans, roadrunners and owls. These will be stocked by Casa Pupo of Pimlico later this year.



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It is a land of harsh variety. The Gulf side, or 'Sea of Cortez', is a fishing and yachtsman's El Dorado. The coastline is an unending chain of small bays, sandy beaches and islets. Little islands with crescent-shaped beaches make perfect moorings for the few yachts that have made the 1,000 mile or so journey from Los Angeles and round the cape into this inland ocean opening with fish of all descriptions.

There are supposed to be over 500 different kinds: from marlin to goatfish, needlefish, black snook, barred surfparch, spottin croaker and amberjacks. Apart from an odd Jerry here and there at places like Esccondido, Loreto, and Baja de los Angeles, there are no facilities for the yachtsman who must come fully provisioned, watered and fuelled.

Waters are deep inky-blue

The shore is mostly mountainous and bare of vegetation apart from varieties of cactus, one of which grows 80 feet high and the strangely named elephant tree. In some areas the mountains end abruptly in the sea with the deep-inky-blue waters swirling below the cliffs.

Occasionally the land rolls gently down to a chamouis yellow beach—fringed by small, rocky islands. Each bay is a new discovery like Mulegé, where the Rio Santa Rosalia flows gently into the sea through a canyon darkly green with shady date palms imported from Arabia more than a century ago, one of the few trees that seems to flourish here.



Señor Ricardo Echegaray, director general of Baja's National Hotelera, aboard his turbo-prop executive airliner during a tour of the peninsula.

area as yet unprepared for the massive influx. If you can imagine Italy with only the peninsula. 5,500-hotel rooms of which a mere 1,500 could be classified as being of a reasonable standard you have an idea of the problems that the Baja faces.

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Another way of visiting Baja is by plane and the Baja bush pilots in the area land on the hundreds of airstrips which have been cleared throughout the peninsula. At Esccondido, Guerra Negro, San Ignacio, Cataquins, and San Quintin, full-scale surfaced runways suitable for passenger jets have been built. Most of these have been constructed in collaboration with the Government to service the National Hotelera's chain of 25-room hotels, which serve as an oasis of hospitality the length of the Baja.

As Señor Echegaray pointed out, building and operating the hotels has been an exhausting and frustrating task. "It has been like working on the moon. Everything has had to be flown in—down to the last packet of Coffee-mate. The American visitor expects high standards and we get nothing locally—not even vegetables, chickens or fresh eggs. Even our labour force just seems to melt away."

During the construction of one hotel 300 workers were brought across the Sea of Cortez from the mainland of Mexico; within a couple of days only 80 remained. They had just vanished into the desert. It is a real frontier land and these invading precursors of progress have not been welcomed with open arms by the few inhabitants. Indeed, the residents have been distant and sometimes almost hostile in their non-cooperation with the develop-

However, in the next five months another 500 hotel rooms should be available to help to cope with the 600,000 visitors expected this year—treble the 1973 figure. Señor Carlos Riva Palacio, the National Tourist Council's Baja director, explains the fascination of Baja: "The pace of life is different here", he says. "We enjoy ourselves—there's always tomorrow", he adds philosophically.

Sharing these tomorrows are the Americans who are already starting to pour down from Los Angeles in an unending stream of steel and rubber. At Easter alone 6,000 camping cars and trailers came through the frontier as the motorists headed for the south—where they must stop at Cabo and that will undoubtedly become the major development centre of the territory of Baja.

Already dredges are working non-stop round the clock carving a huge marina and port with ferry terminal facilities just inside the bay at Cabo. There is complete free passage over the border for the tourists, and the Mexican authorities have to cope with the inflow, seemingly an impossible task.

Great pressure was exerted to get the 1,360 miles of the trans-peninsula road open and inaugurated by President Echeverria last December under almost musical comedy conditions. As his cavalcade toured the road and the new hotels, planes flew overhead with flags, decorations, furnishings and equipment to "doll up" his next inspection point as so much of the work was behind schedule.

Focal points for development

Now focal points for tourist development are being created. The immediate prospects for the Cabo and La Paz areas are considerable and much work is going on there.

Mr Bud Parr, a self-made American hotel entrepreneur, who carries out his developments like well-planned military operations is expanding his holdings in Cabo. His Cabo San Lucas Hotel with its seven \$300-a-day three-bedroom villas, joggling on the cliff is a virtual self-supported project.

"We have our own carpenters, our own masons, brick and cement works", Mr Parr says. "We build and maintain our own fleet of fishing boats, we bring in all our own food, steaks, milk, and vegetables, all from California. How else can we survive? The kind of people who come here expect the best—and get it."

He first came to the Cabo 13 years ago when there was nothing but a sandy bay with a few huts. Now hotels like the Camino Real, with its bunker-style beach houses, the Finiserra, straddling a dragon's tooth of rock, the tiny Solmar on the beach below, by the breaking Pacific rollers, and the still smaller Mar de Cortez (only \$8 a day), are just a taste of what is coming.

Tourism is awakening in the Baja. The possibilities, according to businessmen familiar with the area are almost limitless. However, one of the stumbling blocks has been the question of land tenure.

Many years ago a lot of businessmen bought beachfront after hectare of land at a paso a square metre only to find that they still do not know quite what holds the title. However, current legislation and future regulations should establish definite title to the land. Another serious problem not to be overlooked is the development of some of the remote bays and quays is water.

A number of dried river beds do exist and if you dig down there is water not far below the surface. But the volume of water in the areas limited and capable of supporting only small projects.

American businessmen talk slickly of installing expensive desalination plants and claim that even though the cost of desalinating water may be eight times that of water from a natural supply it will still be possible to recoup profit on the original investment. Water is vital for any development in the Baja and many of the more grandiose plans will fail if supplies are inadequate.

Apart from the construction of hotels, the supporting industry for tourism is wide open. There is nothing in the Baja. There is no cinema, no heat, no swimming facility, nor boat hire, no fishing tackle shop. As Mr Parr pointed out, every item is flown in, most of it from the United States. There is a great advantage in this as the peninsula is a free-trade area and all imported goods duty free.

As the construction of this playground gets under way it is to be hoped that the Mexican authorities will do something to protect the environment and conserve the teeming wild life—not only the birds, but also the species of rare cacti that abound in the peninsula.

Already San Quintin just south from Ensenada across the border from California is an eyesore. Apart from the 60-room El Presidente Hotel being constructed right on the beach, it is a shanty town comparable to the favelas of Rio and São Paulo. The wind-blown sand swirls among the corrugated iron sheds, abandoned, upturned cars litter the area every 10 yards.

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He is expatriate Boliviano "tin tycoon" Señor Antenor Patiño. Señor Patiño reportedly has \$70m invested in this state of Colima, most of it in Santiago Bay and Peninsula, 40 miles north of the city. A sizable portion of that fortune has been sunk into the newly opened Las Hadas (Fairytale), newest rendezvous of the jet-set. Las Hadas is being advertised as "a dream made real" and he awakes from "it is a blinding, starkly white complex of villas featuring a mixture of four architectural styles: Moorish; Mediterranean; Oriental; and Mexican. Five, if you include the plaza inside dedicated to the Roman emperor Trajan.

Styled for luxury, the 240-room structure has five bars with the beer garden. One of its three pools is 200 feet long. The elegant Legasi Room seats 180 diners. The combination restaurant and cocktail lounge, El Tarral, has huge fountains spilling water over the original rocks.

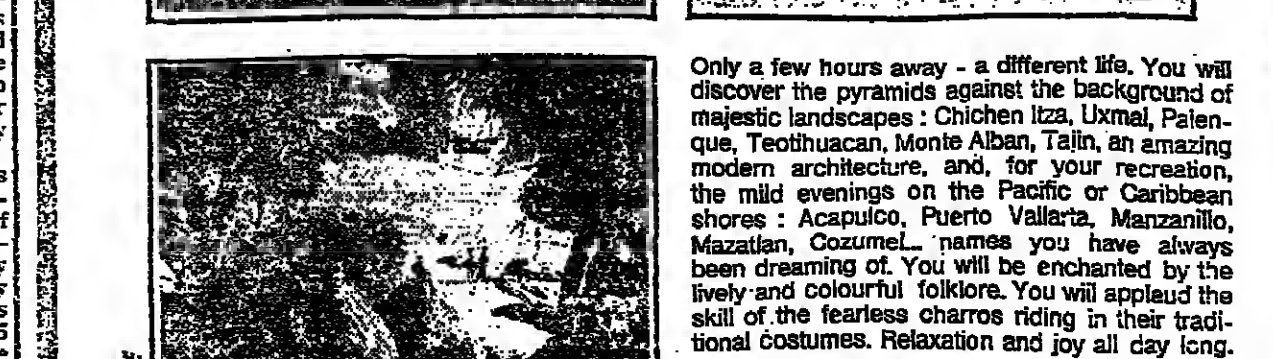
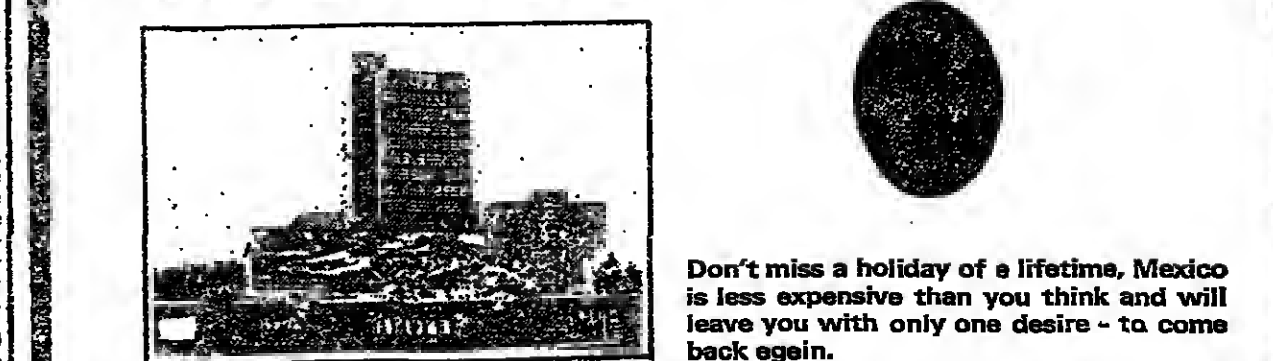
Decor of the private rooms is modern Mediterranean. They have white marble floors and spacious closets. Each has a private balcony looking out across Santiago Bay to Mazatlan and the fairytale of lights at night on Vivia Hill, rising behind the port.

These balconies also look straight down on Las Hadas beach, one of the prettiest in Mexico, with its palapa umbrellas and breakers so gentle they can be water-skilled over. Flanking the beach is a rock breakwater protecting a new harbour

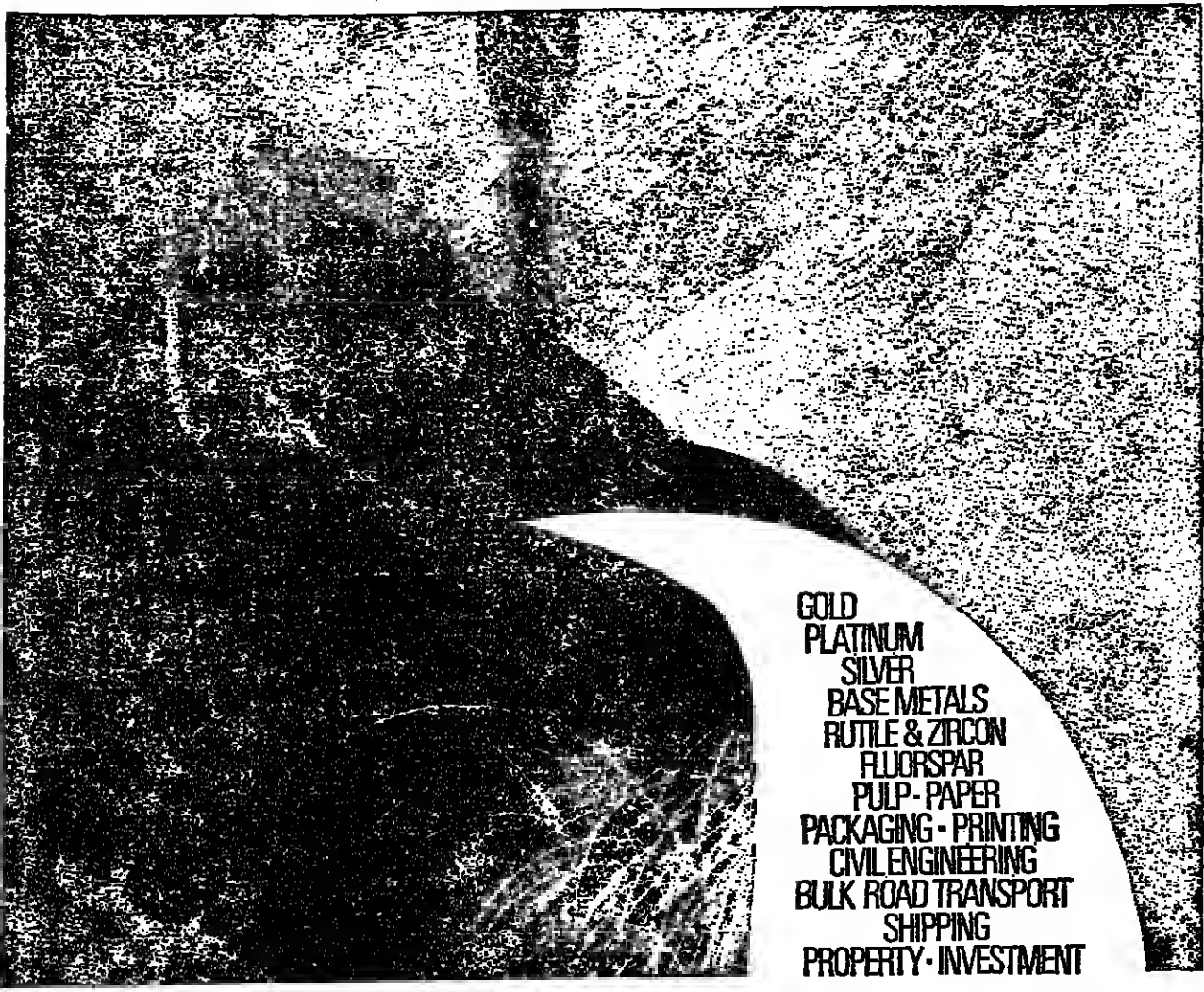
that can hold 100 ocean-going pleasure yachts. To transport guests to boutiques, hairdressers, tennis courts and the golf course are employee-driven electric cars. El Palmar, the golf course on the hotel grounds is landscaped with brooks, lagoons, banana and palm trees.

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In search of the Caribbean's pot of gold

by Michael Frenchman

Shipping sideways in the steady Caribbean breeze a lone pelican parolled the seemingly endless white coral-sand beach of Cancun on the north-eastern shore of the Yucatan peninsula. As yet this was the only sign of life on the beach behind which yellow-painted steel jib cranes and the grey mass of new concrete reached skywards amid the green palm trees.

Soon all this will change. Cancun in the Mayan language means "pot of gold". And that is just what the Mexican tourist industry hopes it will be.

A year ago this jungle-fringed island standing just off the mainland, with its lagoons, mangroves and teeming wildlife was one of the schemes talked about by earnest young men in Mexico City. They proudly displayed maps, charts, statistics and projections of this would-be tourist El Dorado. All that there was to be seen on the ground were half a dozen small houses, a few sheds for the office of the former *Infraestructura* foundations of what was said to be an hotel, and a few bulldozers clearing a landing strip in the heart of the jungle amid the ruins of ancient Mayan cities.

Today Cancun has marshalled, or rather kept, straight off the drawing board into reality. Eight hotels are under construction in this first truly planned tropical holiday city; the half a dozen houses have turned into a town with

supermarkets, a civic centre, parades of shops, dry cleaners, laundrettes; the population has soared from a few hundred to something over 10,000; the bulk of the hotels left behind a full-size airport for jumbo jets, with terminal buildings and all facilities.

It is an amazing transformation that has been achieved against all odds. Already the first hotels are opening and by about this time next year there will be more than 1,300 hotel rooms available, as well as a number of apartment blocks and holiday villas.

This month will see the opening of the Hotel Bojorquez, a small family hotel with 32 rooms, and the Playa Blanca (72 rooms). A few kilometres away, in the town itself, are three small private hotels and a larger one, the Parador (34 rooms) which has been built by FONATUR, the government tourist funding agency, and is being offered for sale or leasing to an operator. Later this year the Caribe Maya (34 rooms) and the Caribe Caribe (208 rooms) should be finished.

Next spring some of the larger projects will be ready. These include the Casa Blanca (115 rooms) with a few villas, the Aristos (224 rooms), the Camino Real (250), the Presidente (196) and the Club Mediterraneo (300). Blocks of flats by Playa Sol, Braniff Airways and the Banco de Comercio de Mexico are also about to go ahead. Marriot Hotels and Holiday Inns, through a

concessionaire, are also taking up interests.

Cancun is a planned affair and was conceived as a direct result of research by the Bank of Mexico some years ago. It has long been realized that tourism is Mexico's main source of revenue and it was decided to look for new areas to develop. All data about a number of possible projects were compared and after all the electronic wizardry had been scrutinized it was decided to concentrate on Cancun.

Just a few minutes flying time from Cancun is the small island of Cozumel, which had already undergone a certain amount of tourist development. There the hotels are operating at more than 90 per cent capacity and it is one of the most popular holiday places for Mexicans themselves. Its rocky terrain interspersed with sandy coves makes it somewhat like Cornwall.

Because of its popularity it was thought that a mainland site might be the answer for an extensive tourist development, as it would be more practical and economic to provide a suitable infrastructure—large airports, roads, electricity, water and drainage. Cancun is an hour's flight from Miami and two hours nearer Europe than Mexico City and thus well placed for an increase in both American and European traffic.

Secrets of pre-Hispanic era

by Sidney Wise

Scarcely a year goes by in Mexico without the discovering, by design or accident, of another fascinating link with the grandeur of the pre-Hispanic cultures and the astonishing development of art, astronomy, mathematics, medicine, agriculture and urban planning. Recent archaeological findings are being restored to delight the tourist and intrigue the student with an abundance of pre-Hispanic pyramids, temples, planned cities, gods and idols.

As Señor Roman Piña Chan, the Mexican archaeologist, recently wrote: "Mexico produced a wealth of native cultures unsurpassed in any other area of the world and the bulk of its archaeological remains are yet to be uncovered".

In some parts of the greater Mexico City area, once the centre of the Aztec empire, it is often difficult to sink a spade without unearthing a pre-Hispanic artefact.

During the construction in 1968 of Mexico City's Metro, a small four-level pyramid was unearthed. It was quickly restored and remains the unusual centre of attraction of Pino Suárez, the busy central Underground station. The same year, during the building of housing facilities in Mexico City for athletes competing in the 1968 Olympics, an important pyramid was discovered.

Since 1965, investigators digging in the Cerro de Tepalcayo area at Chalco, some 20 miles from Mexico City, have made significant discoveries, including the finding of a human skull whose age has been established at 20,000 years.

Last year, the remains of a small Toltec town was uncovered during the building of a golf course on the outskirts of Mexico City. And in the southern state of Chiapas, during the construction of the Angostura dam, rescue work has been carried out since 1970 to save 179 archaeological sites from being inundated.

According to the most recent cataloguing, more than 10,000 archaeological sites are registered throughout the Republic of Mexico. Only 1,000 such sites have been explored to a greater or lesser degree. Of these, slightly fewer than 100 have been excavated and restored sufficiently to qualify for tourist visits.

One of the most recently restored major archaeological sites is at Teotihuacan, meaning "within the divine wall", located at Teotihuacan del Valle, some 80 miles from Mexico City. Teotihuacan is a small apaciously designed city within an enclosing wall containing a ceremonial centre, various plazas, split-level living quarters and a grand sweep to its architectural design reminiscent of Teotihuacan, the site is suspected, must have exercised strong influence over the Matlatzincas, the creators of Teotihuacan about AD700.

Yet for all the novelty of this newly opened archaeological site for tourists, it fails to compare with the majesty of Teotihuacan, the 50-square-mile "Dead City" in whose awesome splendour still can cast a spell of foreboding over visitors prowling at night in the moonlight shadow of the Pyramid of the Sun at the end of the mile-long esplanade.

A *son et lumière* spectacle at Teotihuacan can help to bring a deeper understanding of this City of the Gods which was founded about AD900. The reason for the city's abandonment remains a mystery.

In many ways more alluring, sophisticated, intricate and revealing of a superior culture are the Mayan archaeological sites. Most of these are to be found in the south-eastern states of Yucatan. Here tourists can visit the world-famed sites of Palenque, Bonampak, Chichen Itza, Uxmal, Jaina, Kabah and Tulum.

Each of these sites has a common denominator in architectural beauty and aesthetic design. Most have religious ceremonies with buildings arranged around plazas or patios.

To deepen understanding and increase enjoyment in visiting archaeological sites in Mexico, "look for the man, for the one who created what you are looking at," advises Professor Mario Vázquez, sub-director of the Museum of Anthropology in Mexico City.

Taking this hint, one can see in the temples, statues and idols of the Maya some of the customs and habits of the men who created this extraordinary culture. In the statues, frescoes, paintings and other works of art at Palenque and Bonampak can be seen the practice of defecation of the skull to create a receding forehead which was achieved by pressing concave tablets at the front and back of a baby's head a few days after birth.

Painting and tattooing bodies, incrustation of teeth perforated ear-lobes for wearing earrings of jade can also be seen in the statues and other works of art.

On the stairways and in the statues of the Mayan ruins on which are depicted lunar and time computations, one can get a glimpse of the men who were, in many cases, the supreme mathematicians of their time with an exact solar calendar and a mathematical concept of zero long before these were known in Europe.

A tourist can spend months visiting the principal archaeological sites. In the Oaxaca region, there is the resplendent Monte Albán, Dainzu and Mitla. Near by, in the state of Tabasco, at Villahermosa, there is La Venta with its famed giant heads of the Olmeca, meaning "inhabitants of the land of rubber".

On the Gulf of Mexico coast, there are El Tamuin, Tajin, Comapa and Papantla. In the western states, there are the last, publicized tourist sites at Amapa, Autlan, Chupicuaro, and Tantzotzan.

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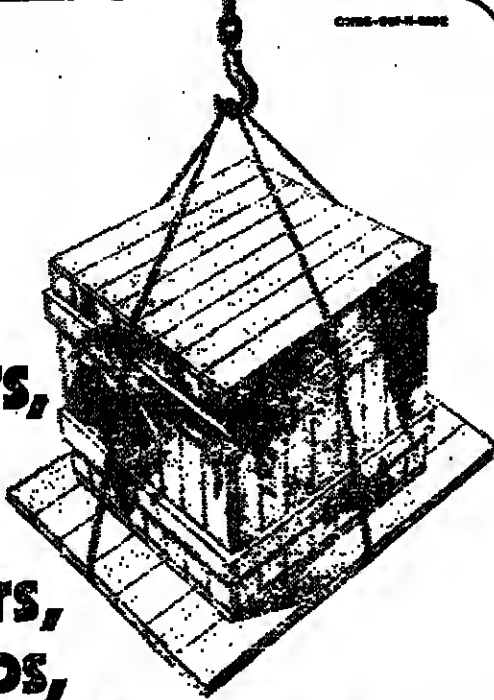
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Moreover, the Monthly Economic Report on Mexico as issued by the London office is available free of charge on request.

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live by the social contract... accept the risk of the same agency. The TFC have 'social contract' their answer to inquiries domestically generated was to be controlled, their position before, after the election; their vagueness and sustained its value as a slogan.

time is coming when... power and on whom for its effectiveness in convert rhetoric into results. For the Prime Minister to declare boldly to the Municipal Workers that 'the contract is not a piece of paper' have aroused the anger of the delegates of the full union. But, the very reasonably content is precisely the Prime Minister told that the social contract is a whole range of economic policies in no measurable way beyond what the legal Three still enforce in law-abiding citizen dispute between

and Public Services Association over that union's ban on all clerical work connected with the pension increases promised for this summer symbolizes the poverty of the social contract. Here is a Government policy, the increase in pension which is of the very essence of the Government's part of the bargain. It figured prominently in the Government's election campaign and has been widely endorsed, indeed demanded, by the leaders of the trade union movement.

Here is a group of workers who are not folk-heroes like the miners. Nor are they engaged in a vital industry or the beneficiaries of a sudden windfall enhancement of their economic value like the miners. They are not even like the nurses, doing the kind of work which excites the admiration and sympathy of the population at large.

To be sure they are low paid by today's standards. But if anyone has to be low paid in the scale of society's intuitive scale of social merit, it would probably be clerks in the Civil Service. This is not to deny the intrinsic value of the work they do or the dedication which individual clerks may bring to their work. Nor is it to deny that paying the pension increases on time will undoubtedly impose a heavy, though temporary, load on these workers, who doubtless feel that they are already sorely tried.

But it remains a solemn indictment of the social contract that a Government in the first full flush of delivering its side of the social contract in a veritable flood of fiscal and legislative measures should be unable to persuade such an inherently weak group of its own servants to make the extra effort required to enable such an essential feature of the social contract to be honoured on time. If these workers will defy the spirit of the social contract, who will not?

Few dispassionate observers, including many in senior official positions, doubt that a new pay

explosion will be detonated within the next two or three months, as soon as Phase Three is formally removed from the statute book. White collar workers are expected to blaze the trail for a surge forward which will quickly spread to blue collar workers. When the effects of this on industrial costs is super-added to the huge backlog of past cost-increases which have not yet come through into prices, duly to be aggravated by threshold pay settlements during the second half of this year, the impact on price inflation can only be ugly.

Everyone must hope, in the absence of anything more plausible, that the social contract will have some mitigating effect on this explosion. Ministers are for the most part sincere in believing that it is the only way. But what they mean is that it is the only politically comfortable, perhaps politically possible, way.

There is also, however, nature's way, namely that against a background of developing recession at home and abroad excessive pay settlements will price more and more workers out of the labour market. Unemployment will then rise until its effects on pay negotiations just balances the ability of workers, by collective bargaining, to extract settlements which they are not earning. At that moment the Government will have to choose between letting the unemployment rise and pumping new inflationary spending power into the economy through fiscal and monetary measures.

Mr Healey will probably be under great pressure thus to underwrite inflationary pay settlements in his autumn budget. If he does, the inevitable moment of 'wheel-barrow' inflation will be brought forward a few years and with it the consequential onset of economic depression and of severe strain on our basic political institutions. If he does not, his colleagues or the electorate will all too probably displace him in favour of someone who will. These are mournful times for democrats.

Selection of a headmaster

From Mr L. S. Bailey and Mr R. Devonald-Lewis

Sir, We would like to correct certain facts and impressions resulting from the letters of the three governors of Highbury Grove School (June 1) and Mr. Healey (June 4).

Firstly, facts. (i) It is correct to say that Dr Boyson did not appoint the deputy Headmaster but was present at the interviewing and his opinion was taken great account of by the governors present.

(ii) The vice-chairman refused to attend the short-listing procedure because he had not been supplied, as is normal, with the curriculum vitae of the candidates. It should be noted that only one hour was spent on short-listing seven names from 25. Thus each candidate for this vital post received just over two minutes consideration.

(iii) It is true that an adverse attitude to the future of the school's remedial department and discipline, etc. were not discussed at the meeting because such discussion was ruled out of order by the chairman—but the supporting statements of some of the candidates certainly gave grounds for harbouring suspicion.

Much has been made of the discourtesy to the candidates but it would have been far more discourteous to have gone through a list of interviewing questions to recommend. Indeed it is we who feel that by treating us as 'rubber stamps' are the victims of discourtesy by the authority. Even now we learn more of what is happening from the press than from being properly informed by the I.E.A.

The three major points of our resolution, which was seconded by the vice-chairman, were (a) that the time given to us to study the details of candidates was unacceptably short (15 minutes for 12 hours of a working day), (b) that we shared the anger felt by the majority of the staff of the school that the two internal candidates were not given the opportunity to appear before us, (c) that the choice presented was not sound.

We just do not accept that the position was advertised in the way it should have been, and intend to continue to refuse to interview until the post has been properly advertised.

In the meantime we express our confidence in the ability of Mr H. Sharr, the acting Headmaster, to run the school in the manner totally acceptable to both parents and governors.

Yours faithfully,
L. S. BAILEY, Vice-Chairman
Governors, Highbury Grove School,
17, The Rectory, Highbury Grove,
RICHARD DEVONALD-LEWIS,
Governor, Highbury Grove School,
Conservative Party Affiliate,
57 Jersey House, Douglas Road, N1
June 6.

The Price sisters' demands

From Mr R. Burris

Sir, Am I the only Catholic to be deeply scandalized by the reaction of Cardinal Conway to Mr Jenkins's statement explaining why he is unable to give in to the Price sisters' demands?

While (of course) condemning IRA activities, and even those of the London bombers, Cardinal Conway refuses to face the fact that these young women and the Provisional IRA (which is about as truly Irish and Republican as the extreme Unionists are 'loyalist') have very deliberately and meticulously set about creating a situation in which the Home Secretary would have to refuse the 'reasonable request' of which Cardinal Conway speaks in his statement. If the sisters had wanted nothing more than transferred to a Northern Irish prison, who seriously doubts that a peaceful campaign of letters, persuasion, demonstration and pleading would, within six months or a year, have had its desired effect, unless there is some truly overriding reason for refusal to transfer?

But no, within two minutes of sentence being announced the hunger strike was proclaimed: since then the newspapers have printed the letters of these women and detailed the hardships of their relatives who have to travel long distances to visit (although they need undergo no financial hardship). There has been no parallel reporting of the grief of the relatives and friends of the martyrs, victims of an authoritarian dictator, the Provisionals have issued threats of 'massacre' and 'retaliation' should the sisters succeed in dying, despite medical attention.

This is the crucial difference between the protest of the sisters and those of previous hunger strikers making a difference: Cardinal Conway has chosen to ignore. Of course what they want 'seems so reasonable'. But it is wrong to separate demand from the method chosen to demand it: blackmail and threat of personal violence are not democratic means. If the sisters are moved the IRA wins. If they die in England the IRA also wins, unless church leaders and others with influence on Catholic opinion firmly condemn both the hunger strikers and the threat of future catastrophic consequences behind it.

To do this should not necessarily imply indifference to the sisters' suffering or conviction. But the choice has to be made without any illusion that it is possible. His mother says that on her last visit to her daughter, 'I am ready for death'. The father of the Price sisters says, 'They know what they are doing... They have prepared themselves for the worst'. Stagg's sister says, 'I think he will die. He has no other choice'. And so it seems clear to me that the hunger strikers, whatever their subjective intentions and obvious good faith, are, on Catholic principles, engaged in a gravely sinful course of action. Accordingly, I do not see how any Roman Catholic priest can give Holy Communion or Absolution or Christian burial to any of the hunger strikers. I deplore the failure of the Roman Catholic hierarchy in Ireland and in England to explain the intrinsic immorality of what these brave but muddled and misguided young people are doing to themselves.

In 1941 George Orwell wrote: 'One cannot see the modern world as it is, unless one recognizes the overwhelming strength of national loyalty... As a positive force there is nothing to set beside it. Christianity and international socialism are as weak as straw in comparison with it.'

I used to think Orwell was wrong about Christianity; that Roman Catholics, in the last resort, would act on Catholic rather than nationalist principles. Above all, I used to think Roman Catholic priests would act on Catholic rather than nationalist principles. I now know better. I am totally disillusioned with the behaviour of so many of my brother priests of Irish nationality or descent. I deplore the damage being done to our Church by its being made to appear more and more in the eyes of intelligent outsiders, as a denomination for foreign nationalists who do not always tell the truth.

We Roman Catholic priests in England have kept silent too long, not of officers, but of reluctance to meddle in politics, out of embarrassment, out of muddled group loyalty. It is time we spoke.

Yours faithfully,
C. JENKINS,
Belmont Abbey,
Hereford,
June 6.

British share in EEC budget

From Mr J. R. Dodsworth and Mr P. A. West

Sir, Mr Callaghan claims in his re-negotiation speech to the EEC Council of Ministers that, according to a forecast based on 'realistic assumptions' by 1980 the United Kingdom will be contributing 24 per cent of the Community budget whereas our share of Community gross domestic product will be only 14 per cent. While not seeking to detract from the argument that the present budgetary arrangements are inequitable, it should be pointed out that the implicit relative growth rates involved in Mr Callaghan's forecast are unduly implausible.

In order for the United Kingdom's share of Community GDP to fall from its present position to 14 per cent by 1980, measured at current exchange rates, it is necessary for the rest of the Community to grow at an annual rate that is 4.5 percentage points above that achieved in the United Kingdom. This seems unlikely, given Mr Callaghan's statement that his forecast assumes an annual rate of growth well beyond the average for the past decade.

Mr Callaghan has a strong case, but it is not enhanced by exaggerating the poverty of the United Kingdom in Europe.

Yours faithfully,
J. R. DODSWORTH,
P. A. WEST,
University of York Institute of Social and Economic Research,
Heslington, York,
June 6.

The Bolshoi dancers

From Mr Richard Collins

Sir, Everyone must surely share the concern felt about the Bolshoi Ballet by Dame Peggy Ashcroft and others in their letter (June 7). But I suggest that any method that expresses this concern by conveying it primarily to the members of the Bolshoi Ballet would be unlikely to achieve any practical effect.

I am, so far as I know, the only person outside the Iron Curtain countries to have worked as a dancer with the Bolshoi Ballet in Moscow. It is a community in which—as I think the account of my four years with them in my book *Behind the Bolshoi!*—culture is absent from working life to a degree which it may be difficult for outsiders to appreciate. I do not think that members of the ballet, either individually or corporately, would believe that they could influence a decision of the political executive.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD COLLINS,
74 Eccleston Square, SW1,
June 7.

SEVENTH HOUR IN ITALY

paralysed yesterday over its general strike. This was a pro- the country's economic and the inadequate Government's deal with it. Even like was going on the and trade union re continuing the on the subject which ured last month. The therefore not necessary to get the unions a in itself it could only economic situation worse. It was thus a paradoxical event, but x is nothing new in ic life.

unions were merely into the area of policy a tactic which enough in industrial they were taking ve action to add air words. The forces Italian politics being re, it is at least argu- s drastic method was necessary in order to e urgency into the

was to avoid both economic and political collapse. Nor was his pessimism contested by the Treasury Minister, Signor Colombo, who warned that at its present rate inflation would reach 20 per cent by the end of this year.

Even more immediate is the problem of foreign credit. The balance of payments deficit ran at the equivalent of £400m sterling per month in the first four months of this year, while foreign currency reserves (excluding gold) had fallen to under £1,200m by the beginning of May. The total of foreign indebtedness is above the level of reserves, and further borrowing on the Eurodollar market has become virtually impossible. Only by taking into account the free-market value of her substantial gold reserves can Italy now claim to be even remotely credit-worthy. It appears that other European central banks will be willing to lend on this security even if the United States is not yet ready for a revaluation of the official gold price. But that clearly is a palliative, not a solution.

Signor Agnelli also seems to agree with the unions that the anti-inflationary strategy so far adopted by the Government, under the guidance of the Governor of the Bank of Italy, Count Guido Carli, is not good enough. It consists in essence of a credit squeeze plus attempts at price control plus pious exhortations to wage restraint. The effect

of this, they both feel, is to restrict and discourage investment at a time when it needs stimulating. Both are calling for a more serious and less abstract policy of industrial planning. Meanwhile European central banking and government officials gathered in Williamsburg, Virginia, are quoted as saying that Italy 'is on the verge of collapse'.

Economic collapse would inevitably bring with it some form of political collapse, leading probably to the establishment of either a fascist or a military regime. Europe cannot afford that, and it is certainly right that the European Community should do everything possible to help, even at this late hour. The Italian problem is certainly more immediate and more pressing than the question of Britain's contribution to the Community budget, on which there is a ceiling for another three years.

But in the last resort the Italian problem can only be solved by the emergence of an Italian political will, which so far has been unable to emerge. That is why the economic forces—trade unions and employers—have had to advance so far into the political arena. It is time now for the parliamentary politicians—lately brought together again by the fascist bombings after their artificial and deplorably wasteful rift over divorce—to take up the challenge and combine the best proposals of both employers and unions into an emergency plan which both can accept.

Concorde's fuel

From Mr A. J. Lucking

Sir, Mr Davy has complained (June 6) about Concorde's extravagant use of fuel. An ocean liner uses about twice the weight of fuel that Concorde does, to carry a passenger from London to New York.

Yours faithfully,
A. J. LUCKING,
20 Broad Court, Bow Street, WC2,
June 6.

Laying a wreath

From the Chilean Ambassador

Sir, With reference to the letter of Mr J. P. Fullon published today (June 6), I would like to emphasize, once again, what I have already stated after a letter from the Canons of Westminster:

1. In a letter dated February 1 last, addressed to the Head of the Chilean Naval Mission, the Archbishop of the Abbey confirmed that it would be in order for the traditional ceremony at Lord Cochrane's tomb to take place on May 21, in the same way as on previous occasions.
2. Later, in a letter dated February 14, the Very Rev Eric Abbot, Dean of Westminster Abbey, advised the Head of the Chilean Naval Mission that 'The proposed wreath laying on the grave of Admiral Lord Cochrane' could not take effect, for which no reason was given.
3. As a result of informal inquiries carried out later, the undersigned was advised that the proposed wreath could take effect only if four official Chilean representatives could be present to lay the wreath and that this had to be done privately and without publicity.
4. As is natural, the undersigned did not accept the alternative proposal as this would not have been within the spirit of the traditional ceremony when the Chilean Government and the Chilean Navy have, year after year, in an official and public ceremony, paid homage to illustrious British mariners who fought for the independence of our country and contributed so greatly to the perfection of our Navy.

Yours sincerely,
KAARE OLSEN,
Chilean Ambassador,
10, Despatch Street, W1,
June 6.

Taxing the farmer

From Mr G. B. Heywood

Sir, It is a pity that it should prevail in some quarters that it does not matter if the withdrawal of capital from agriculture through heavy taxation forces private landlords and farmers out of business because the public, through institutional investors, will be able to buy land and make up the industry's capital loss.

Colonel George Judd's letter in your issue of June 4 makes clear that this is not the case. Institutional investors in agriculture are primarily interested in either a high return or long-term capital appreciation. Agriculture at present provides neither.

A government committed to agricultural expansion—as the Labour Government says it is—ought not to threaten additional taxation of the industry's functional capital. The British farmer already bears capital taxation at a far higher rate than his European counterpart.

Yours faithfully,
G. B. HEYWOOD, President,
Country Landowners' Association,
7 Swallow Street, W1,
June 6.

Siting of oil refineries

From Sir Bernard Braine, Conservative MP for Essex, South East

Sir, Mr M. N. Wells (June 7) completely misses the point in his attack on me for campaigning against two large risk installations on Canvey Island. Moreover he leaves certain uncomfortable facts out of account. He does not reveal that the elected local authorities, and also the Essex County Council as planning authority, have consistently opposed the introduction of these refineries, nor does he mention the 30,000 people who will have to live alongside them.

The point Mr Wells misses is that while particular high risk installations, including his own, may be well conducted and well protected against fire, every additional risk that is added compounds the rest. This is not a new argument, sparked off by the Fibrograph tragedy. For years I have been trying to persuade governments to consider the totality of the effect on the Thames-side communities they were taking. In my opinion it was necessary for someone in high authority to take an overall view of what was happening to our environment. I said in Parliament in November, 1970, that the Aberfan disaster crept upon us largely unawares because no one had thought that it was his responsibility to calculate the risks being taken.

Yet so far successive governments have refused an inquiry on the lines I have sought. Significantly the only

Historic gardens

From Mrs Mavis Batey

Sir, In his letter of June 1 Mr John Harris forcibly draws attention to the difficulty that face owners of country houses and farms as they are tragically lost to the nation if they are thoughtlessly allowed to vanish from the English scene.

The gardens and parks in which these country houses are set are especially at risk and even a few years of neglect may mean that they are lost for all time. These historic gardens and parks are as much part of our cultural heritage as art and architecture and embody the spirit of their age. Linking the house to the countryside in the designed garden or park makes a vital contribution to what is universally adored as the ordered beauty of the English rural landscape.

Everything possible must be done to help those who hold these historic gardens and parks in trust so that we can ensure that the cherished tradition of the English Garden may survive for the enjoyment and inspiration of future generations.

Yours faithfully,
MAVIS BATEY,
Honorary Secretary, Garden History Society,
12 Charlbury Road,
Oxford,
June 3.

Football riots

From Lieutenant-Commander A. D. Colquhoun

Sir, So much for the advocates of all-seated football grounds to stop crowd rioting. At Rotterdam the seats only supplied the 65,000 supporters with more ammunition.

Moats may protect players but do nothing to protect spectators. Segregation of rival supporters into laterally-wired enclosures behind each goal is opposing ends will eventually be as commonplace as lights are now.

Yours faithfully,
A. D. COLEMAN,
"Rovers",
Folkestone,
Kent,
May 31.

SS of Birnberg through your columns indignation upon a affects not only the of court etiquette but a of judicial enlightenment in emergency (May 30) we young lady articulated Oxford Crown Court to in which we are acting, surely dressed in black these days and dress before in or propriety but consider it that the standard should be out of step with his a time when the rightly, for an end to and pomposity sur courts and the of the fact of justice.

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tribution which tele- can make to the of an interested West in society must depend ability, not only to the commerce, but the age. For so long as is active and at times im- communicate across the he Nine, their fingers a the Community is not all.

Faith in its objectives and in its performance can only dwindle and the development of trade between its members so essential to its prosperity must remain partially frustrated. The exchange of printed news and views is also inhibited so that many Europeans of different nationality are deprived of opportunities of knowing each other better.

The transmission network is probably the principal artery of popular communication between the peoples of the Nine, but television is not the only means of stimulating a European consciousness. The printed word is complementary to the visual image, and commercial as well as social exchanges can help to make the EEC a far more meaningful Community for most of its peoples.

The EEC has no radio station, no television programmes and no publications as such, to stir the imagination or arouse the curiosity of people about their neighbours. And the goal of thinking and acting as one European remains unattainable, not only for these deficiencies and for linguistic reasons, but because of the inadequate telecommunications service between the members of the Community.

This inadequacy—and it is particularly noticeable in the telephone network—can result in stale news, loss of business, waste of time, personal anxiety and all sorts of unnecessary expense. Calls between countries are often subject to a day's delay or longer. Even between EEC capitals, you can dial a number 20 times or more before securing a ringing tone.

Yet whatever the impact of inadequate telecommunication upon the individual or his company it has a deeper significance in terms of the Community. Without the best of telecommunications the hope of an integrated Europe will be greatly inhibited and the role of the Community within the world will be commensurably diminished.

We stand at the birth of the electronic age with its promise of a richer and more leisurely life for the majority, but this again will not materialise before telecommunications take their rightful place among the Community's plans. They deserve a priority equal to the price of butter or the production of iron and steel.

Even today individual countries within the Community are developing data networks which are primarily designed to meet domestic requirements and with characteristic will create and then compound the problems of compatibility. A continuing and expensive dependence upon local manufacturers is also having an artificially inflationary effect upon the cost of providing telecommunications facilities.

These and other factors can only underline the need for a policy aimed at providing the Community and its peoples with maximum opportunities for communication one with another and at minimum cost. This policy should be devised in consultation with the users of telecommunications and take their requirements into full and proper account. The Commission should tackle this problem as quickly as possible.

Yours faithfully,
G. CROMARTY BLOOM, General Manager and Chief Executive, The Press Association Ltd.
A. NOBLE, Chairman, International Press Telecommunications Council.
O. C. ROBINSON, Director, International Press Telecommunications Council.
WILLY VAERWYCK, Director-General Agency Belga and Secretary-General of the Alliance of European News Agencies.
W. WEXNEN, General Manager, Deutsche Press-Agentur and President of the Alliance of European News Agencies.
International Press Telecommunications Council,
184 Fleet Street, EC4,
June 6.

From Lord Moyn

Sir, I recall that when my grandfather's watch was stolen from me, I was angry and threatened with destruction, a plea came from the sisters that it should not be destroyed. When it was recovered soon after the Better collection I thought of writing to you, Sir, to suggest that the watch had been the present while dress made to appear more and more in the eyes of intelligent outsiders, as a denomination for foreign nationalists who do not always tell the truth.

We Roman Catholic priests in England have kept silent too long, not of officers, but of reluctance to meddle in politics, out of embarrassment, out of muddled group loyalty. It is time we spoke.

Yours faithfully,
C. JENKINS,
Belmont Abbey,
Hereford,
June 6.

Minister ever to take a look at the situation for himself, Mr Graham Page, admitted in the Commons on November 16 last year that I was right and that government 'ought to consider very carefully the whole implications of any further development of this kind in the area'. This has not been followed through. Mr Wells suggests that those of us who oppose refineries on Canvey Island would be satisfied if these could be resited elsewhere and risk that is both contemptible and untrue. What is true is that we have argued for years that high risk installations should not be sited close to residential population anywhere. That surely is what planning should be about. That is what has been ignored in Canvey's case. Mr Wells also seems confused about where the duty of a member of Parliament lies when it is to the people I represent and not to any commercial interest. Over the years the voice of my constituents' elected representatives on local councils has been ignored, the planning authority's views have been brushed aside and the recommendations of the Secretary of State's own inspectors have been rejected. If I do not speak out for the people of South East Essex, who will? Yours faithfully, BERNARD BRAINE, House of Commons, June 7.

OBITUARY DR R. W. BOLLAN Bristol Polytechnic director

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The mystery of the Holy Trinity

By Norman Pittenger King's College, Cambridge

Years ago when I was at Oxford the then professor of philosophy... Christ they had been in touch with a special and redemptive activity of God.

Some of us, anyway, are confident that there is genuine insight... The contemporary man also came to this three-fold awareness.

Receptions

University College at Edinburgh... The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment at the Army and Navy Club last night.

Luncheons

Institution of Highway Engineers... Admiral of the Fleet Earl Mountbatten of Burma was present at a luncheon given by the council of the Institution of Highway Engineers.

Dinners

Howard Society... The annual dinner of the Howard Society of Sussex University was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton last night.

Supper party

Mrs G. Harrison... Mrs G. Harrison (as president), who had earlier attended a special concert given by the Menuhin Festival Orchestra in London.

Service dinners

The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment... The Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel-in-Chief, attended the annual dinner of the Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel-in-Chief, at the Army and Navy Club last night.

New WI chairman

Mrs Patricia Jacob, of Bristol... Mrs Patricia Jacob, of Bristol, was elected chairman of the National Federation of Women's Institutes yesterday.

Law Report June 7 1974

Cross-examination of attesting witness

In re Webster, deceased... Before Mr Justice Goulding... An attesting witness to a will is a witness of the testator and consequently may be cross-examined by all parties to a probate action.

Justice Stocker, said that in deciding whether certain evidence was relevant a judge might have a discretion to make. But in considering the interests of justice, the interests of the prosecution had to be taken into account.

Judge's duty to stop evidence

Regina v Gebreal... It is the duty of a trial judge to stop irrelevant evidence being led before the jury.

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Science report

Ornithology: DDT and breeding failure

The persistent organochlorine pesticides such as DDT have been implicated in the decline in numbers of many birds in Britain and in the United States.

Dr Newton and Dr Bogan analysed their information and the results were published in the journal of the department of veterinary pharmacology of Glasgow University.

Trinity Sunday

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The Archbishop of Canterbury is to present at Cuddesdon College, Oxford, on June 25, at the unveiling of this portrait of him in bronze, sculpted by Mr John Doulbyday. It was commissioned by Cuddesdon to mark Dr Ramsey's retirement in November and his links with the college.

'Celebrated Oxford crown' is sold for £20,000

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent... One of the half-dozen surviving specimens of the 'celebrated Oxford crown' of 1644, Thomas Rawlins was sold at Glendinning's yesterday for £20,000 (Spink).

A silver penny of Queen Matilda... A silver penny of Queen Matilda—of Stephen and Matilda fame—brought £6,000 (Baldwin). It is a particularly fine example; it shows King Charles holding a sword in one hand and an olive branch in the other.

Aberdeen Angus success at Ardingly show

From Our Correspondent... Aberdeen Angus heifers which graze on neighbouring farms in the East Grinstead area of Sussex brought off a remarkable success in the beef cattle championships at the South of England Show at Ardingly, Sussex, yesterday.



Miss Janet Gibson and Mr David Hill (centre) after their marriage at Caxton Hall yesterday. The bride was escorted by Mrs Barbara Castle (right) and the groom is a political research assistant to Mr Roy Hattersley (left).

Today's engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Colonel, Welsh Guards, takes the salute at the second rehearsal of the Queen's Birthday Parade, Horse Guards, 11; as chairman of the council, attends the British Red Cross Society's service of dedication, St Paul's Cathedral, 2.05.

Tomorrow

Exhibition: The Maya, their art and culture. Museum of Man, 10.00-6.00; Burlington Gardens, 2.30-5.00. Band performance: The Metropolitan Police, Hyde Park, 3-4.30. City walk: More's Chelsea, meet Sloane Square Underground station, 2.

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr D. A. R. Birley and Miss S. M. Hamshere... The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Mr and Mrs St Claire U. Cunningham, of Holmwood, Camberland.

Mr A. H. Cunningham, KOSB, and Miss R. V. L. Olivier... The engagement is announced between Alastair, youngest son of Mr and Mrs St Claire U. Cunningham, of Holmwood, Camberland.

Mr J. R. M. Foster and Miss S. V. Tiller... The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs N. O. Foster, Little Bealings, Suffolk, and the daughter of Mr and Mrs R. M. Tiller, Cavesham, Reading.

Dr R. E. Harrison and Dr C. Z. Pfeiffer... The engagement is announced between Simon, eldest son of Dr and Mrs R. E. Harrison, Knowle, Bishop's Lydeard, Taunton, and Christine, daughter of Dr and Mrs S. C. Pfeiffer, 148 Edisbury Road, Mossley, Birmingham.

Dr J. W. P. Hazell and Dr R. L. Graham... The engagement is announced between Jonathan, only son of the late Major Peter Hazell, MC, and Mrs R. L. Graham, South Africa, and Rena, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Graham, of Huddersfield, Yorkshire.

Mr T. F. McNeill and Miss K. W. Pale... The engagement is announced between Timothy Ferguson, eldest son of Mr and Mrs T. F. McNeill, of Bletsoe, Bedfordshire, and Kathleen Winifred, younger daughter of Mr F. H. Pale, of Natal, South Africa, and of the late Mrs H. Pale.

Lieutenant D. M. F. Milne, RN and Miss J. L. Matthews... The engagement is announced between Murray, only son of Mr and Mrs D. F. Milne, of Highlands, Salisbury, and Julia, only daughter of the late Mr Gilbert Matthews, CVO, CBE, and of Mrs June Matthews, of St Julian's, Malta, GC.

Mr C. J. Sackur and Miss H. R. Morgan... The engagement is announced between Christopher John, youngest son of the late Mr A. Sackur and of Mrs M. J. Sackur, of Woodham Farm, East Kent, Lincolnshire, and Harriet Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs G. L. Morgan, of Eastfield House, Cowbridge, Glamorgan.

Marriage

Mr M. Wilkinson and Miss S. Astor... The marriage has taken place at Hatley St George between Mr Martin Wilkinson, of Hornton Hill, Banbury, Oxfordshire, and Miss Stella Astor, daughter of the Hon J. J. Astor, of Hatley Park, and the Hon Mrs A. J. Astor, of 57 Princes Gate, SW7.

Lady Antonia Fraser will open the Antiquarian Book Fair at the Grosvenor Gardens, Grosvenor Square, on June 28, at 11 am.

Birthdays today

Mr Gordon Campbell, 53; Lord Cozens-Hardy, 57; Sir William Westbury, 77; Sir James Hardy, 59; Sir Joseph Lubbock, 57; Sir Harold Moore, 97; Major Sir William Odell, 65; Sir Derek Pritchard, 64; Sir John Rankine, 67; Lord Rathcavan, 91; Sir Roger Stevens, 68.

Latest wills

Latest estates include (not before duty paid; further duty may be payable on some estates): Griffiths, Mrs Alice May; of Worthing (duty paid, £20,648); Edmondson, Mr William; of Kettlewell, Yorkshire (duty paid, £23,379); Richmond, Mr Daniel; of Buntingford, Devonshire (duty paid, £12,067); Sneesman, Olive Kathleen; of Barnstaple (duty paid, £53,738); £138,354.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE... The Queen today visited the South of England Agricultural Show at Ardingly.

Having been received at the Rectory, Ardingly, by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for West Sussex (the Duke of Norfolk), the Secretary of the South of England Show Society (Mr. H. Studd, the Queen drove by carriage to the Main Ring at the Ardingly Show Ground and was received by the Hon. Sir Walter Burrell.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips was received upon arrival at Rhosneigr Railway Station this morning by the Hon. Sir Walter Burrell, Administrative Wing, Royal Air Force Valley, Angles.

Her Royal Highness then drove to visit Royal Air Force Valley and was received by the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Training Command (Air Marshal Sir Neville Stuck).

After touring the Establishment, The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips was entertained at luncheon.

This afternoon Her Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of the Queen's Flight to Sandherby airfield and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Lancashire (the Lord Clitheroe).

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, as Chairman of the Board of the St Anne's Pier, Lytham St Anne's.

Miss Rowena Brassey was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE... June 7: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Sandwich, the Earl of Soudwell were present this evening at a Preview of the International Antiques Fair in aid of Action Research for the Crippled Child at Earls Court.

The Hon Mrs Whitehead was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE... ST JAMES'S PALACE... June 7: The Duke of Kent today visited the people of Ardingly at the Hyde Park Hotel on becoming President in his 50th Anniversary Year.

Lieutenant-Commander Richard Buckley, RN, was in attendance.

The Queen will visit the Edinburgh Academy on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of its foundation on July 5.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will give an afternoon party in the garden of the Palace of Holyroodhouse on July 2.

On July 8 The Duke of Kent, as Colonel-in-Chief, will take the salute with the Lord Mayor at the match-part of The Royal Regatta on the River Thames at Putney, London, and later attend a luncheon at Guildhall.

Princess Alexandra will open the east wing of Peterhouse, the retirement home of the National Ageing Research Society, at Bechill-on-Sea on July 17.

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and Burmah share combined development for Nian oilfield

Corina director... is nearing completion... joint development... promising Nian in the North Sea...

Doubts over prospect of caprolactam from Japan

By Peter Hill... The possibility of Japanese plants being able to plug the gap in supplies of caprolactam...

Stern insurance company is sold for £1 1/2m

By Our Financial Staff... In a move designed to safeguard the future of Nation Life Insurance...

Forecast of widespread fall in US prime rates

New York, June 7.—A generalized drop in interest rates in the United States appears likely...

laid off Lessey

4,000 hourly-paid Lessey's electronics...

OPEC chief rules out lower charges for oil

From Vanya Walker Leigh Paris, June 7.—There is no question of lower oil prices at any time in the future...

Cottrell warning on choice of reactor

By Kenneth Owen Technology Correspondent... Sir Alan Cottrell, former chief scientific adviser...

Department of Trade may be scrutinizing Grendon situation

By Margaret Drummond... The Department of Trade is believed to be making inquiries into the affairs of a number of companies...

Problems in sugar supply 'will raise food prices'

By Patricia Tisdall... A serious breakdown in supplies of Commonwealth sugar...

Currency 'float' is defended by Mr Healey

Floating exchange rates are here to stay, at least for the time being...

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rington, the larger beer in Britain...

West Indies prime ministers discuss scheme for joint aluminium smelter

The Prime Ministers of Jamaica and Guyana are holding talks with Dr Eric Williams...

Roche drug cost hearings to start in November

By Malcolm Brown... The start of Hoffmann-La Roche's main case against the Government...

Group of banks submit proposal to aid Franklin

Williamsburg, Virginia, June 7.—A group of New York banks led by First National City Bank...

Sohio denies allegations over BP supplies

From Our Own Correspondent New York, June 7.—Standard Oil of Ohio (Sohio) has denied an accusation...

How the markets moved

Table with columns for Rises, Falls, and Equities, listing various market indices and their movements.

THE POUND

Table listing exchange rates for various currencies including Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, S. Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and Yugoslavia.

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NP falls

ONS national product in real terms first quarter of 1974, result of a sharp consumer spending decline.

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Italian bond yields have risen leading rates from 14.5 per cent to 15 per cent.

glass output

Other manufacturers with a serious shortage of supplies...

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PERSONAL INVESTMENT AND FINANCE

Grouse

Standing orders are a very useful banking device, saving a lot of time and trouble when it comes to paying the bills. The Automobile Association also has cause to like standing orders, although perhaps for different reasons.

Round-up

Bank's view of a TSB third-force role

What has happened to the Paga Report, and in particular its recommendations in respect of the Trustee Savings Banks becoming a third and independent force in banking?

Richardson believes that the new-style TSB would need reserves of more than 24-3 per cent.

Banks could exercise their new-found freedom. Still with the TSBs, Mr Phillip Keen, chairman of the TSB unit trust group, announced at Eastbourne that the group was to launch its second unit trust in the autumn.

Deposit bonds

A makeshift arrangement

Investment has its own fashions but, since the effective demise of the guaranteed income bond in the Budget, the savings industry has been floundering in search of a new style.



David Maitland, managing director of Save and Prosper: "they are a facility rather than a product"



Fergus Hughes-Onslow, managing director of M & G Assurance: "a gilt-edged unit trust would be better"

However, the discussions this time are not based upon investment merits or the difficulty of running, say, a property fund, but on more fundamental issues. Should investment managers take a 5 per cent initial fee for bond funds? And, secondly, do the managers' interests in introducing these schemes have any immediate relevance to the interests of investors?

As the name suggests, money or deposit funds are invested in bank deposits, mainly short term but sometimes over a slightly longer period. Some of the funds also have a proportion of their funds invested in gilt-edged securities.

Without this facility of a virtually free transfer into another fund, managers would not be able to make their deposit schemes sound so attractive. And allowing a transfer at the bid price means charging the 5 per cent initial fee on the deposit fund—irrespective of the fact that it is considered by many to be too high for merely managing cash.

Law

Avoiding legal tangles in a shared flat

Few young people today can afford the luxury of having their own flat. Sharing a flat with congenial companions is, for many, preferable to the isolation of the traditional bed-sitter and is also likely to be a lot cheaper, as well as providing a higher standard of accommodation.



"If the nominal tenant is seeking to run the flat at a profit, he will find the phone bill his primary loss-leader."

Some agencies specialise in flat sharing. Many newspapers have advertisement columns devoted to it. However, it will come as a surprise to many that such a simple arrangement as flat sharing can be fraught with its own particular legal problems.

Generally, one of the occupants takes a tenancy agreement in his name and gets the others to contribute towards rent and expenses. In law, the responsibility clearly rests on him, both financially and otherwise—for example, if the others annoy neighbours with noisy parties.

nominal tenant end, until recently, never been the subject of a judicial decision. In fact, in a case involving flat sharing last year, a Chancery judge refused to define it. All he would say was that it was an informal arrangement and gave one of the other occupants any legal interest in the flat itself.

Insurance

Prospects for terminal bonuses

A curious aspect of the life assurance industry is that, while the value of most people's investment in equities has fallen (and most life companies now have substantial holdings of equities), some offices have been able to increase their rates of reversionary bonus. And, once declared, this type of bonus cannot subsequently be withdrawn.

Because of this tradition, and the serious effect which a reduction in bonus rate could have on future sales, most life offices endeavour not to declare a higher rate of bonus unless they are reasonably sure that it can be maintained.

But, however much this may be bedded round with ifs and buts, there is a tendency on the part of many people to add it on to the estimated figure.

Nevertheless, there have been warnings in some quarters this year that the continuance of rates of bonus in future years must depend either on some recovery in the capital markets or even higher interest rates to compensate for any further depreciation.

For many life offices, terminal bonuses are something of a novelty, having been introduced only in recent years. But they are not universal and some companies have said they will not introduce them.

After a period of depression for equities, a surprising fact is that there have not been all that many really sharp falls in terminal bonuses. Some offices are maintaining their terminal bonus rates at the same level as last year.

For a life office, it is the annual return on the assets as a whole which is really important. In practice, the rise in interest rates which accompanied the sharp drop in the value of so many investments, for many offices, has increased both the amount earned on funds last year and also the potential earnings for the future.

But terminal bonuses have brought their problems. In the first place, life offices and brokers have had to consider how to deal with them when estimating maturity values to potential policyholders.

That is rather a crude simplification of the position. But it shows that the approach of individual offices to terminal bonuses is not identical, and the particular approach of an office may be a factor to discover when taking out a policy.

Pensions

Lump sum calculations

If you are a member of a pension scheme, the chances are that you will be allowed to exchange part of your pension for a lump sum—unless you are entitled to a separate lump sum in any case.

figure is £9. The whole trouble is that the Inland Revenue fail to understand the relationship between rates of interest and inflation.

If full value is to be given for a pension in real terms, the interest rate used in calculating the maximum ought to be the 24 per cent per cent or something like it. Then the lump sum which is equivalent to a pension which has its full value.

Anyone in a scheme which provides both these benefits has been rather hard done-by in the past. The Inland Revenue have not allowed the increases to be taken into account in calculating the maximum amount of cash a member may receive in exchange for each £1 of pension; nor have they allowed the scheme to pay the increases which are thus lost.

They overlook the effect of inflation: there is a distinct relationship, over a period, between the rate of interest and the rate of inflation. It obviously makes sense for a pension scheme to be allowed to protect pensioners' living standards as far as financial considerations permit—the Inland Revenue now accept this.

Some limitation on tax-free cash is appropriate, but pensions are subject to tax and do not offer the possibility of abuse with which the Inland Revenue are always so concerned. This not only increases the total cash, but even if the Inland Revenue do not yet accept the case for abandoning controls entirely, they ought to have been able to adopt a less restrictive attitude in this area.

Taxation

When a house is not fully exempt

Those readers who, pleading their tax form read the Inland Revenue and fairly imp instructions may be out by paragraph 56 out that, although a disposal of one's own house may be wholly or partly tax-exempt, it should be included in the form the Inspector can see exemption is, in fact, I understand, the most tax-allowable will be about this: insisting on a calcula gain, a note that the been sold will suffice cases where the es clearcut.

There is room for a money-type investment service in the industry and it is perhaps no fault of the management groups that they have become involved in the present less than satisfactory arrangements. What is needed is a gilt-edged unit trust. But, because it creates a problem of double taxation for investors at the moment, it is unfortunately not a ruener unless and until the Government makes some tax law changes.

Margaret Stone

Strictly, acquisition April 5, 1965 should have been recorded appropriate tax return the section headed "assets acquired". case, if copies of the kept, the cost details available when a disposal.

In addition to the of the house, there types of other allowance. One of them incidental costs of purchase, such as stamp duty, legal fees, etc. re-veyance, cost of adv find a buyer or seller.

The second type of expenditure is, in the the statute, "for the p enhancing the value of being retained in the state or nature of at the time of dispos indicates that the es must not be wasted fore the disposal of it.

If the property has away instead of its value at the date of to be substituted for Extracting all this professional valuation reaction against ardu valuations the tax off own district value it turns for advice. Gifts husband and wife ar for capital gains tax.

Alternatively, mark April 6, 1965, can be se for the cost price and t once between this and ceeds will be the tax. There is a slight rebu these calculations if. ments have been carri A two-year time has posed for electing to April 6, 1965, valuation made it is irretriev siderable care is neede taking this irretriev.

Eric Brunet

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

Textile shares firmer

The end of the trading account saw equities standing up well to renewed fears for the property and secondary bank sectors...

But turnover remained thin. The day's recorded bargains of 5,100 suggested little change from recent daily money turnover...

Brighter spots included De La Rue, still benefiting from good trading figures, and Ozalid Group...

Latest dividends

Table with columns: Company, Dividend, Yield, etc. listing dividends for various companies like Anglo-Indonesian, Anglo-Indonesian (25p) Int, etc.

Money Market Rates

Table showing bank of England discount rate, Treasury bill rates, and other money market indicators.

Recent Issues

Table listing recent bond and share issues, including dates, amounts, and interest rates.

Foreign Exchange

Gold price down \$4 to \$155

Foreign exchange markets were very quiet yesterday. In the afternoon trading was at very low levels...

The dollar was somewhat easier on the day, partly because of further reductions in United States bank's prime rates...

In the final stages there was a fresh sharp rise in the July position which was followed by a recovery in adjacent months...

Spot Position of Sterling

Forward Levels

moderate official loans made on Thursday and an outflow of notes into the week-end circulation...

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Commodities

July cocoa soars £65.50 a tonne

Thursday's downturn in London COCOA futures was sharply reversed in the early morning...

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Issues & Loans

AMC raises fixed interest rates

The Agricultural Mortgage Corporation has raised its lending rate for new fixed rate loans...

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Rubber stocks lower in Singapore

Malaysian tin exports up sharply

Stocks of rubber in Singapore at the end of April fell to 57,682 tonnes compared with 70,393 tonnes in March...

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Australian wool tour

Eurosyndicat

A 20-member group of Australian wool industry leaders left Sydney yesterday to make a study tour of wool marketing systems in Britain, France and Italy...

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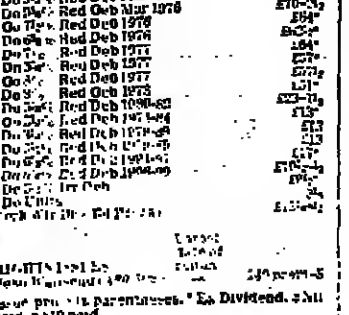
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GO: probably the world's oldest board game...

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The Times Crossword Puzzle No 13,708

Grid for crossword puzzle with numbers 1-27.

ACROSS

- 1 The lovely lady could widen one's outlook (10).
- 9 Down topples a she's finding (8).
- 10 Chanted to books about these Nordic heroes (8).
- 11 Nick is champ (3-5).
- 12 A round of beef lacking in this store (4).
- 13 From our tangle I bring order (10).
- 15 Steps to the drinks, Francois (7).
- 17 Like legendary tales, one with some point for Zulus (7).
- 20 Reading spasmodic? (10).
- 21 An associate of the Bank of Scotland (4).
- 23 Heavenly twins (8).
- 25 Standing of one we look up to (6).
- 26 Break in electricity supply (10).
- 27 Orgy of the berated and others (10).

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DOWN

- 2 Symphonic variations of the moon and the (6).
- 3 Plenty to satisfy gluttons for punishment (8).
- 4 Slightly run school of 50? One a duce (10).

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